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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH EDITION

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GENERAL INTEREST INFORMATION

Town of Hopedale – Incorporated April 7, 1886

POPULATION	6,025
REGISTERED VOTERS	3,800
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:	Third Tuesday in May
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION:	Second Tuesday in May
AREA:	5.12 Square Miles

Editor's Notes:
Thank you to the officials who submitted reports for this edition.
The Town website can be viewed at:
www.hopedale-ma.gov

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

GENERAL OFFICE:	Area Code (508)
Town Hall	**634-2203** (MAIN NO.)
78 Hopedale Street	634-2204
P.O. Box 7	634-2205
Board of Selectmen	Ext. 210
Town Coordinator	Ext. 213
Board of Assessors	Ext. 224
Town Accountant	Ext. 219
Town Clerk	Ext. 215
Town Treasurer/Tax Collector	Ext. 218
Water/Sewer Department	Ext. 217
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	634-2203
7 Depot Street	Ext. 221
COUNCIL ON AGING	634-2208
BANCROFT LIBRARY	634-2209
POLICE DEPARTMENT	624-2227
Police Emergency	911
FIRE DEPARTMENT	473-1050
Fire/Medical Emergency	911
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT	634-2210
154 Mendon Street	
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:	
Memorial School – 54 Adin Street	634-2214
Junior/Senior High School – 25 Adin Street	
Superintendent's Office	634-2220
Principal's Office	634-2217
Guidance Office	634-2221
Pupil Personnel Services	634-2240

FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICIALS

U.S. SENATOR		Senator Edward M. Kennedy 317 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510
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REPRESENTATIVE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE		John V. Fernandes State House, Room 43 Boston, MA 02133 (617) 722-2030
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Town of Hopedale, Massachusetts
Elected Officials
2007-2008

		Term Expires
Blackstone Valley School Committee	Paul Yanovitch	2010
Clerk	Janet Orff Jacaruso	2010
Board of Health	Robert Moro	2008
	Peter B. Mitchell	2009
	Edward A. Holland, Sr.	2010
Housing Authority	Edith Francis	2007
	Ellen M. Murphy	2008
	Paula Malloy	2009
	Karen Villani	2010
	Louis J. Trevani	2011
Library Trustee	Nancy Verdolino	2008
	Katherine M. Wright	2009
	Frederick G. Oldfield, III	2010
Moderator	Francis J. Larkin	2009
Park Commission	Susan Kinkaid	2008
	Richard Breese	2009
	Richard P. Espanet	2010
Planning Board	Donna Hayres	2008
	Carol Whyte	2009
	Howard Maurer	2010
	Catherine Pisacane	2011
	Louis Costanza	2012
Road Commission	John Farrar, Jr.	2008
	Eli J. Potty	2009
	Joseph C. Sweet	2010
School Committee	Susan Palmer-Howes	2008
	Elizabeth S. Lerner	2009
	Lori L. Hampsch	2009
	Richard W. Martin	2010
	Justine A. Tonelli	2010
Selectman	Louis Arcudi III	2008
	Michael E. Collins	2009
	Alan J. Ryan	2010
Tree Warden	Leo Lyons	2008
Water & Sewer Commission	James Morin	2008
	Aldo P. Tarca	2009
	Robert H. Bird	2010

ADA Coordinator	Eugene Phillips	2007
Animal Inspector	Leon Mael	2007
Bancroft Memorial Library Director	Merrily Sparling	Contract
Board of Assessors	Lisa Alberto*	2009
	Teresa Gonsalves	2008
	vacant	2007
Board of Registrars	vacant	2009
	Robert Hammond	2008
	Joseph Drugan*	2007
Board of Registrars, Clerk	Janet Orff Jacaruso	2010
Building Commissioner & Zoning Enforcement Officer	Michael Tusino	2007
Asst. Building Comm. & Zoning Enforcement Officer	Michael Giampietro	2007
Capital Program Committee	Karla Hopkins	2009
	Colleen Strapponi	2009
	vacant	2009
	vacant	2008
	vacant	2007
Cemetery Committee	Roberta Simmons	2007
	vacant	2008
	vacant	2009
Cent. Mass. Reg. Planning	Howard Maurer	2007
Commission on Disabilities	Peter S. Ellis, Jr.	2007
	Margaret Flynn	2007
Conservation Commission	Amy J. Burns	2010
	Meg McElroy*	2009
	Matt Correa	2008
	Brian Gallagher	2008
	vacant	2007
Constables	Joseph Conlon	2007
	John Gagnon	2007
	Donald Martin	2007
	Francis McVeigh	2007
	Peter Saker	2007
Council on Aging	Claudette Hughes	2009

	vacant	2009
	vacant	2009
	Barbara Delphos	2008
	Julia Manning	2008
	Virginia Potty	2008
	Nancilee Fuller	2007
	Edward Holland	2007
	Patricia Johnson	2007
Council on Aging Director	Carole Mullen	Employee
Cultural Council	Billi Manning*	2007
	Sally Decelles	2007
	Ann LaBrode	2007
	Virginia Larkin	2007
	Ann Marie Lockwood	2007
	Patty Samalis	2007
	Dorothy Susanska	2007
	Joanne Andreotti	2008
	Ellen Murphy	2009
	Kate Nolan-Pisacane	2009
Dog Officer	Michael Izzo	2007
Finance Committee	Karla Hopkins	2007
	James Carroll*	2008
	Donald Comastra	2008
	Colleen Strapponi	2008
	Robert Burns	2009
Fire Chief, Local Emergency Mgt & Right to Know Officer	Scott Garland	2007
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	John Fontana	2007
Asst. Gas & Plumbing Insp.	Joseph Zacchilli	2007
Health Agent	Lenny Izzo	Employee
Highway Superintendent	Robert DePonte	Employee
Historical Commission	Daniel L. Malloy	2007
	Frederick Oldfield III	2007
	Merrily Sparling*	2007
	Elaine Malloy	2008
	Theresa Ryan	2008
	Alan Ryan	2009
Housing Authority Director	Katherine Consigli	Contract
Parking Fines Clerk	Donna Lamphere	2007

Police Chief	Eugene P. Costanza	Contract
Red Shop Committee	William Gannett	2009
	Robert Brown	2007
	Merrily Sparling	2007
School Superintendent	Dr. Patricia Ruane	Contract
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Barbara J. Walls	2007
Town Accountant	Linda Catanzariti	2008
Town Coordinator	Eugene Phillips	Contract
Town Counsel	Kopelman & Paige	2007
Veterans Agent	Anthony Mastroianni	2007
Water & Wastewater Manager	Timothy J. Watson	Employee
Wiring Inspector	Joseph Scanzaroli	2007
Assistant Wiring Inspector	Stephen Wood	2007
Zoning Board of Appeals	Steven Gallagher*	2009
	Sandra Slattery-Biagetti	2009
	Kenneth Piercesaw	2008
	Mary Arcudi	2008
	Timothy Alger	2007
Zoning Board of Appeals-Alternate	John Dubois	2008

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR STATE PRIMARY

SS. Worcester
To the Constables of the Town of Hopedale, Massachusetts

GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at

Draper Gymnasium, 13 Dutcher Street

on **TUESDAY, THE NINETEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2006,** from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	SECOND DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	SEVENTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	TENTH WORCESTER DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	MIDDLE DISTRICT
CLERK OF COURTS	WORCESTER COUNTY
REGISTER OF DEEDS	WORCESTER DISTRICT

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 5th day of September, 2006, Selectmen of Hopedale:

Alan J. Ryan, Chair

Michael E. Collins

Louis Arcudi III

Posted according to Town by-law in the Town Hall, Police Station and the Post Office.

Constable

Sept. 11TH, 2006.
(month and day)

Warrant must be posted by **September 12, 2006,** (at least *seven days prior* to the **September 19, 2006**, State Primary).

Janet Orff Jacaruso
Clerk

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Janet Orff Jacaruso

Town Clerk
Notary Public

Town of Hopedale – Election Results
September 19, 2006 – State Primary

Senator in Congress – Statewide	
Edward M. Kennedy (D)	1036
Blank Votes (D)	281
All Other Votes (D)	24
Kevin P. Scott (R)	60
Kenneth G. Chase (R)	46
Blank Votes (R)	17
All Other Votes (R)	0

Representative in Congress – 2nd District	
Richard E. Neal (D)	982
Blank Votes (D)	353
All Other Votes (D)	6
Blank Votes (R)	122
All Other Votes (R)	1

Governor – Statewide	
Deval L. Patrick (D)	512
Christopher F. Gabrielli (D)	470
Thomas F. Reilly (D)	333
Blank Votes (D)	25
All Other Votes (D)	1
Kerry Healey (R)	98
Blank Votes (R)	22
All Other Votes (R)	3

Lt. Governor – Statewide	
Timothy P. Murray (D)	658
Deborah B. Goldberg (D)	335
Andrea C. Silbert (D)	214
Blank Votes (D)	134
All Other Votes (D)	0
Reed V. Hillman (R)	101
Blank Votes (R)	20
All Other Votes (R)	2

Attorney General – Statewide	
Martha Coakley (D)	1002
Blank Votes (D)	337
All Other Votes (D)	2
Larry Frisoli (R)	101
Blank Votes (R)	22
All Other Votes (R)	0

Secretary of State – Statewide	
William F. Galvin (D)	962
John Bonifaz (D)	142
Blank Votes (D)	233
All Other Votes (D)	4
Blank Votes (R)	121
All Other Votes (R)	2

Treasurer – Statewide

Timothy P. Cahill (D)	987
Blank Votes (D)	351
All Other Votes (D)	3
Blank Votes (R)	120
All Other Votes (R)	3

Auditor – Statewide

A. Joseph DeNucci	965
Blank Votes (D)	376
All Other Votes (D)	0
Blank Votes (R)	121
All Other Votes (R)	2

Senator in General Court – Worc & Norf

Richard T. Moore (D)	1052
Blank Votes (D)	280
All Other Votes (D)	9
Blank Votes (R)	117
All Other Votes (R)	6

Representative in General Court-10th Worc

John V. Fernandes (D)	744
Marie J. Parente (D)	585
Blank Votes (D)	10
All Other Votes (D)	2
Robert P. Burns (R)	101
Blank Votes (R)	118
All Other Votes (R)	2

Councillor – 7th District

Brian D'Andrea (D)	461
Thomas J. Foley (D)	243
Brian J. Buckley (D)	152
John C. Burke (D)	93
Daniel S. O'Connor (D)	61
Blank Votes (D)	328
All Other Votes (D)	3
Blank Votes (R)	118
All Other Votes (R)	5

District Attorney – Middle District

Joseph D. Early, Jr.	844
Daniel J. Shea (D)	269
Blank Votes (D)	224
All Other Votes (D)	4
Blank Votes (R)	117
All Other Votes (R)	6

Clerk of Courts – Worcester County

Dennis P. McManus (D)	919
Blank Votes (D)	415
All Other Votes (D)	7
Blank Votes (R)	117
All Other Votes (R)	6

Register of Deeds – Worcester District

Anthony J. Vigliotti (D)	938
Blank Votes (D)	399
All Other Votes (D)	4
Blank Votes (R)	119
All Other Votes (R)	4

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION

Worcester, SS.
To any of the Constables of the Town of Hopedale:

GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in the State Election to vote at Draper Gymnasium, 13 Dutcher Street

on **TUESDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2006,** from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices and questions:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS . . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR . . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL . . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE. . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER . . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR . . . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS . . . . . SECOND DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR . . . . . SEVENTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT . . . . . WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT. . . . . TENTH WORCESTER DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY . . . . . MIDDLE DISTRICT
CLERK OF COURTS. . . . . WORCESTER COUNTY
REGISTER OF DEEDS. . . . . WORCESTER DISTRICT
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE . . . . . BLACKSTONE VALLEY DISTRICT

QUESTION 1: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition
Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2006?
SUMMARY
This proposed law would allow local licensing authorities to issue licenses for food stores to sell wine. The proposed law defines a "food store" as a retail vendor, such as a grocery store, supermarket, shop, club, outlet, or warehouse-type seller, that sells food to consumers to be eaten elsewhere (which must include meat, poultry, dairy products, eggs, fresh fruit and produce, and other specified items), and that may sell other items usually found in grocery stores. Holders of licenses to sell wine at food stores could sell wine either on its own or together with any other items they sell.
The licensing authorities in any city or town of up to 5000 residents could issue up to 5 licenses for food stores to sell wine. In cities or towns of over 5000 residents, one additional license could be issued for each additional 5000 residents (or fraction of 5000). No person or business could hold more than 10% of the total number of the licenses that could be issued under the proposed law. Such licenses would not be counted when applying the laws that limit the number of other kinds of alcoholic beverage licenses that may be issued or held. Any applicant for a license would have to be approved by the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, and any individual applicant would have to be at least 21 years old and not have been convicted of a felony.

In issuing any licenses for food stores to sell wine, local licensing authorities would have to use the same procedures that apply to other licenses for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages. Except where the proposed law has different terms, the same laws that apply to issuance, renewal, suspension and termination of licenses for retail sales of alcoholic beverages which are not to be consumed on the seller's premises, and that apply to the operations of holders of such licenses, would govern licenses to sell wine at food stores, and the operation of holders of such licenses. Local authorities could set fees for issuing and renewing such licenses.
A YES VOTE would create a new category of licenses for food stores to sell wine, and it would allow local licensing

authorities to issue such licenses.
A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning the sale of wine.

QUESTION 2: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition
Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2006?
SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow candidates for public office to be nominated by more than one political party or political designation, to have their names appear on the ballot once for each nomination, and to have their votes counted separately for each nomination but then added together to determine the winner of the election.
The proposed law would repeal an existing requirement that in order to appear on the state primary ballot as a candidate for a political party's nomination for certain offices, a person cannot have been enrolled in any other party during the preceding year. The requirement applies to candidates for nomination for statewide office, representative in Congress, governor's councillor, member of the state Legislature, district attorney, clerk of court, register of probate, register of deeds, county commissioner, sheriff, and county treasurer. The proposed law would also allow any person to appear on the primary ballot as a candidate for a party's nomination for those offices if the party's state committee gave its written consent. The proposed law would also repeal the existing requirement that in order to be nominated to appear as an unenrolled candidate on the state election ballot, or on any city or town ballot following a primary, a person cannot have been enrolled in any political party during the 90 days before the deadline for filing nomination papers.

The proposed law would provide that if a candidate were nominated by more than one party or political designation, instead of the candidate's name being printed on the ballot once, with the candidate allowed to choose the order in which the party or political designation names appear after the candidate's name, the candidate's name would appear multiple times, once for each nomination received. The candidate would decide the order in which the party or political designation nominations would appear, except that all parties would be listed before all political designations. The ballot would allow voters who vote for a candidate nominated by multiple parties or political designations to vote for that candidate under the party or political designation line of their choice.

If a voter voted for the same candidate for the same office on multiple party or political designation lines, the ballot would remain valid but would be counted as a single vote for the candidate on a line without a party or political designation. If voting technology allowed, voting machines would be required to prevent a voter from voting more than the number of times permitted for any one office.

The proposed law would provide that if a candidate received votes under more than one party or political designation, the votes would be combined for purposes of determining whether the candidate had won the election. The total number of votes each candidate received under each party or political designation would be recorded. Election officials would announce and record both the aggregate totals and the total by party or political designation.

The proposed law would allow a political party to obtain official recognition if its candidate had obtained at least 3% of the vote for any statewide office at either of the two most recent state elections, instead of at only the most recent state election as under current law.

The proposed law would allow a person nominated as a candidate for any state, city or town office to withdraw his name from nomination within six days after any party's primary election for that office, whether or not the person sought nomination or was nominated in that primary. Any candidate who withdrew from an election could not be listed on the ballot for that election, regardless of whether the candidate received multiple nominations.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.
A YES VOTE would allow a candidate for public office to be nominated for the same office by more than one political party or political designation at the same election.
A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning nomination of candidates for public office.

QUESTION 3: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition
Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2006?
SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow licensed and other authorized providers of child care in private homes under the state's subsidized child care system to bargain collectively with the relevant state agencies about all terms and conditions of the provision of child care services under the state's child care assistance program and its regulations.

Under the proposed law, these family child care providers who provide state-subsidized child care would not be considered public employees, but if 30% of the providers gave written authorization for an employee organization to be their exclusive representative in collective bargaining, the state Labor Relations Commission would hold a secret mail ballot election on whether to certify that organization as the exclusive representative. Parts of the state's public employee labor relations law and regulations would apply to the election and collective bargaining processes. The proposed law would not authorize providers to engage in a strike or other refusal to deliver child care services.

An exclusive representative, if certified, could then communicate with providers to develop and present a proposal to the state agencies concerning the terms and conditions of child care provider services. The proposed law would then require the parties to negotiate in good faith to try to reach a binding agreement. If the agreed-upon terms and conditions required changes in existing regulations, the state agencies could not finally agree to the terms until they completed the required procedures for changing regulations and any cost items agreed to by the parties had been approved by the state Legislature. If any actions taken under the proposed law required spending state funds, that spending would be subject to appropriation by the Legislature. Any complaint that one of the parties was refusing to negotiate in good faith could be filed with and ruled upon by the Labor Relations Commission. An exclusive representative could collect a fee from providers for the costs of representing them.

An exclusive representative could be de-certified under Commission regulations and procedures if certain conditions were met. The Commission could not accept a decertification petition for at least 2 years after the first exclusive representative was certified, and any such petition would have to be supported by 50% or more of the total number of providers. The Commission would then hold a secret mail ballot election for the providers to vote on whether to decertify the exclusive representative.

The proposed law states that activities carried out under it would be exempt from federal anti-trust laws. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would allow licensed and other authorized providers of child care in private homes under the state's subsidized child care system to bargain collectively with the state.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning licensed and other authorized family child care providers.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 17 day of October, 2006.

Alan J. Ryan, Chairman

Michael E. Collins, Member

Louis Arcudi, III

Selectmen of Hopedale, Massachusetts

To be posted in the lobbies of the Town Hall, Police Station & Post Office.

Constable October 18, 2006.

A true copy, Attest: Janet Orff Jacaruso, Clerk

Warrant must be posted by **October 31, 2006.**

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Janet Orff Jacaruso

Town Clerk
Notary Public

Town of Hopedale – Election Results
November 7, 2006 – State Election

Senator in Congress – Statewide	
Edward M. Kennedy (D)	1630
Kenneth G. Chase (R)	883
Blank Votes	102
All Other Votes	2

Representative in Congress – 2nd District	
Richard E. Neal (D)	1914
Blank Votes	690
All Other Votes	13

Governor and Lt. Governor – Statewide	
Patrick and Murray (D)	1212
Healey and Hillman (R)	1104
Mihos and Sullivan (U)	207
Ross and Robinson (J)	58
Blank Votes	32
All Other Votes	4

Attorney General – Statewide	
Martha Coakley (D)	1671
Larry Frisoli (R)	844
Blank Votes	101
All Other Votes	1

Secretary of State – Statewide	
William F. Galvin (D)	1888
Jill E. Stein (J)	428
Blank Votes	297
All Other Votes	4

Treasurer – Statewide	
Timothy P. Cahill (D)	1908
James O'Keefe (J)	372
Blank Votes	334
All Other Votes	3

Auditor – Statewide	
A. Joseph DeNucci (D)	1815
Rand Wilson (U)	441
Blank Votes	358
All Other Votes	3

Senator in General Court – Worc & Norf	
Richard T. Moore (D)	2002
Blank Votes	606
All Other Votes	9

Rep in General Court-10th Worc Dist

John V. Fernandes (D)	1437
Robert P. Burns (R)	1072
Blank Votes	104
All Other Votes	4

Councillor – 7th District

Thomas J. Foley (D)	1842
Blank Votes	770
All Other Votes	5

District Attorney – Middle District

Joseph D. Early, Jr. (D)	1894
Blank Votes	718
All Other Votes	5

Clerk of Courts – Worcester County

Dennis P. McManus (D)	1814
Blank Votes	800
All Other Votes	3

Register of Deeds – Worcester District

Anthony J. Vigliotti (D)	1833
Blank Votes	782
All Other Votes	2

Statewide Ballot Questions

Question 1 – Food Stores to Sell Wine

Yes	1044
No	1359
Blank	214

Question 2 – Provide Voters with More Ballot Choices

Yes	746
No	1493
Blank	378

Question 3 – Family Health Care Providers

Yes	953
No	1315
Blank	349

TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS
LOCAL ELECTION WARRANT

SS. Worcester

To any of the Constables of the Town of Hopedale,
Greetings:
In the name of the Town of Hopedale, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in the Local Election to vote at:

George A. Draper Gymnasium
13 Dutcher Street

on TUESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF MAY, 2007, from 7:00AM to 8:00PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Local Election for the candidates for the following offices:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN .....3 YEARS
BOARD OF HEALTH .....3 YEARS
LIBRARY TRUSTEE .....3 YEARS
PARK COMMISSION .....3 YEARS
PLANNING BOARD .....5 YEARS
ROAD COMMISSION.....3 YEARS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE .....3 YEARS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE .....3 YEARS
TOWN CLERK ..... 3 YEARS
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION ..... 3 YEARS

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 16th day of April 2007.

_____ Alan J. Ryan, Selectman

_____ Michael E. Collins, Selectman

_____ Louis J. Arcudi III, Selectman

This notice shall be posted as required by Town bylaws in three places in the Town of Hopedale: Town Hall, Police Station Lobby and Post Office Lobby.

Return of Service: _____ April 17, 2007
Constable

A true copy, attest: _____
Janet Orff Jacaruso, Town Clerk

Annual Town Election
May 8, 2007

Board of Health (3 Years)

*Edward A. Holland, Sr.	837
Blanks	155
Write-ins	4

Library Trustee (3 Years)

*Frederick G. Oldfield, III	834
Blanks	161
Write-ins	1

Park Commissioner (3 Years)

*Richard P. Espanet	663
Larry L. Embree	300
Blanks	32
Write-ins	1

Planning Board (5 Years)

*Louis Costanza	633
Blanks	340
Write-ins	23

Road Commissioner (3 Years)

*Joseph C. Sweet	765
Blanks	225
Write-ins	6

Selectman (3 Years)

*Alan J. Ryan	559
Robert P. Burns	422
Blanks	14
Write-ins	1

School Committee (3 Years)

*Richard W. Martin	609
*Justine A. Tonelli	611
Louis J. Trevani	425
Blanks	342
Write-ins	5

Town Clerk (3 Years)

*Janet Orff Jacaruso	858
Blanks	136
Write-ins	2

Water & Sewer Commissioner (3 Years)

*Robert H. Bird	801
Blanks	190
Write-ins	5

***Indicates winner**

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FY2007

Tuesday, October 24th, 2006 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester. Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, October 24th, 2006, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the town will confirm its vote of the Special Town Meeting of November 8, 2005 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide $200,000 or some other amount to fund expenses incurred as a result of the Administrative Consent Order number ACOP-CE-05-1N008, issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, on July 21, 2005, to the Hopedale Wastewater Treatment Plant, such expenses consisting but not limited to immediate corrective actions to secure compliance on or before October 17, 2005, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners
Commentary: This is a housekeeping article. The towns Bond Counsel (Ropes & Gray) requires the Capital Planning and Finance Committees recommend favorably to actions taken exceeding $10,000 as our bylaw requires. When this article was originally voted neither the finance committee nor the Capital Planning Committee made any recommendation.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of $19,625 for the purpose of supplementing the Highway Departments FY07 Salaries and Wages, $600 to supplement Highway Department Expenses, $465 to supplement the Assessors FY07 Salary & Wages, $3,461 to supplement the Treasurers FY07 Salaries and Wages, $3,940 to supplement the Water Department FY07 Salaries and Wages and $15,120 to supplement the FY07 Sewer Salaries and Wages voted at the Annual Town Meeting of May 2006, for the purposes of ratifying a contract commencing July 1, 2006 or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to accept, for all boards, committees or commissions holding adjudicatory hearings in the town, the provisions of G.L. c.39, §23D, which provide that a member of a board, committee, or commission holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to the member's absence from one session of such hearing, provided that certain conditions are met, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen
Commentary: Under current statute to vote on an adjudicatory hearing a member of the committee must attend every session of the hearing, even if it goes on for a year. Under this

amendment to MGL an individual may miss one session of the hearing and still vote.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills (pre7/1/06), or take any other action related thereto:

To Account	Amount	From Account	Amount
John B Cochran esq.	$913.00	Legal	$913.00
Home Depot	$284.55	Parks Repairs & Maintenance	$284.55
Carol Winters	$670.00	Treasurer, Prof & Technical	$670.00
Car Quest/Allison Auto Parts	$ 20.68	Water Dept/Vehicular	$ 20.68

Submitted by: Selectmen
Commentary: All of the above listed bills were incurred during the previous fiscal year while the actual billing was received After July 1, 2006, the start of the new fiscal year. Since all accounts for the prior fiscal year have been closed out it is necessary to pay them if approved from currently available funds. A 90% majority will be required for approval.

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to rescind Article 18 of the May 16, 2006 annual town meeting, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee
Commentary: Article 18 of the May 16th meeting asked town meeting to approve $48,286 as the final lease payment for a highway truck. The same amount was also budgeted by the Finance Committee under Retirement of Debt – Principle and Retirement of Debt – Interest.

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to amend the amount appropriated on article 12 of the annual town meeting such that the amount to raise and appropriate is $17,194,019, or take any other action thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee
Commentary: The total amount of the budget was to be $17,338,319 less the amount of $144,300 to be taken from Stabilization.

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to transfer from the following budget line items voted at the June 20, 2006 Town Meeting pursuant to Article 5 the following sums to the School Department line item for School Department use as

From:		To:	
BBC Painting	$9,635	BBC Tile/Boys Bathroom	$ 5,000
BBC Boiler & chimney repair	$5,417	Memorial Roof Analysis	$ 8,000
Jr.-Sr. High Cupola	$4,605	Maintenance Vehicle	$18,000

Submitted by: School Committee
Commentary: The School Committee has completed 3 projects under budget and are asking for authorization to use surplus funding to complete other projects.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide $50,000 or some other amount to fund expenses incurred as a result of the Administrative Consent Order number ACOP-CE-05-1N008, issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, on July 21, 2005, to the Hopedale Wastewater Treatment Plant, such expenses consisting of a Pilot Study to investigate the ability of the Wastewater Treatment Plant to control the release of Ammonia, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners
Commentary: Under the Administrative Consent Order of a year ago, high ammonia releases were cited. The Environmental Protection Agency is now ordering the Waste Water Treatment Plant to do a Pilot Study to determine the best method of reducing ammonia releases to acceptable levels.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to transfer from Sewer Department FY2006 Certified retained Earnings, $19,727.56 as payment for an amount the town raised on the Fiscal Year 2004 Recapitulation Sheet, as payment for a deficit caused by late billing of the annual assessment of Milford Country Club Condominiums, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen
Commentary: Two years ago the Sewer Department ran a deficit in their assessment line of $19,727.56. Under State law the town is required to raise all deficits on the recap sheet. The Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners have already agreed to reimburse the town for the expense.

Given under our hands this 9th day of October 2006.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael E. Collins | Alan J. Ryan, Chairman | Louis J. Arcudi III

A True Copy, ATTEST: Janet Orff Jacaruso
Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Post Office Lobby.

10/10/06

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2006
MINUTES

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the auditorium of the Jr. – Sr. High School at 7:00PM. At 7:40PM Moderator Francis J. Larkin called the meeting open. The Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated October 9, 2006.

Moderator Larkin led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance and reminded all present of the October 26, 2006 Candidates Night to be held at the Community House. State Representative candidates Robert Burns and John Fernandez will be in attendance to discuss their views on various topics. A motion was made to extend Privileges of the Floor to Police Chief Eugene Costanza, Water & Wastewater Manager Timothy Watson and School Facilities Manager Phil Reinhart. The motion was seconded and passed.

Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried.

At 7:45PM a motion was made to adjourn tonight's meeting due to the lack of a quorum and move the session to November 14, 2006 at 7:00PM in the Hopedale High School Auditorium. The motion was seconded and carried.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2006
MINUTES

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the auditorium of the Jr. – Sr. High School at 7:00PM. At 7:10PM Moderator Francis J. Larkin called the meeting open. The Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated October 9, 2006, with an additional posting of continuance on October 25, 2006.

Moderator Larkin led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made to extend Privileges of the Floor to School Facilities Manager Phil Reinhart and Town Treasurer/Collector Barbara Walls. The motion was seconded and passed.

The High School Cross-Country Team and Women's Soccer Team were congratulated for their State titles earned last year. State Senator Richard Moore presented the Town with street signs marking the accomplishments. Coach Joseph Drugan was congratulated and wished much success in the current year's upcoming State Tournament.

Moderator Larkin resumed the previously adjourned Special Town Meeting. A motion was made to adjourn to the Special Town Meeting and open the Special Town Meeting called under the warrant dated October 30, 2006. Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2006

Article 1: Merrily Sparling moved to authorize the Board of Library Trustees of the Bancroft Memorial Library to proceed with a feasibility study to examine the options for renovating its current library building.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 2: Merrily Sparling moved to authorize the Board of Trustees of the Bancroft Memorial Library to apply for, accept, and expend any state grants which may be available for a feasibility study for renovating its current library building.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 3: Selectman Louis Arcudi moved to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay a prior year bill (pre7/1/06) as follows:

To Account	Amount	From Account	Amount
Hopedale Cardiology	$50.00	Fire Prof & Technical	$50.00

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

At 7:21PM a motion to dissolve the STM Warrant was heard, seconded and carried.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FY2007

Tuesday, November 14th, 2006 at 7:10 o'clock in the evening
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester. Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, November 14th, 2006, at 7:10 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Library Trustees of the Bancroft Memorial Library to proceed with a feasibility study to examine the options for renovating its current library building, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Library Trustees
Commentary: This article gives authorization to the Board of Library Trustees to apply for a grant for a feasibility study for the library. There is no financial cost with this article.

Article 2: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Trustees of the Bancroft Memorial Library to apply for, accept, and expend any state grants which may be available for this planning project, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Library trustees
Commentary: This article gives authorization to the Board of Library Trustees to apply for, accept and expend any state grants which may be available for this planning project (Article 1), or take any action relative thereto.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay a prior year bill (pre7/1/06), or take any other action related thereto:

To Account	Amount	From Account	Amount
Hopedale Cardiology	$50.00	Prof & Technical	$50.00

Submitted by: Selectmen
Commentary: The above listed bill was incurred during the previous fiscal year while the actual billing was received after July 1, 2006, the start of the new fiscal year. Since the account for the prior fiscal year has been closed out it is necessary to pay it if approved from currently available funds. A 90% majority will be required for approval.

Given under our hands this 30th day of October 2006.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael E. Collins | Alan J. Ryan, Chairman | Louis J. Arcudi III

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Police Office Lobby.

Constable

12/30/06
Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2006 (cont. from 10/24/2006)

At 7:22 PM the STM called under the warrant dated October 9, 2006 was reopened.

Article 1: Water & Sewer Commissioner Robert Bird moved to confirm a vote of the Special Town Meeting of November 8, 2005 to authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum of $200,000 to fund expenses incurred as a result of the Administrative Consent Order number ACOP-CE-05-1N008, issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, on July 21, 2005, to the Hopedale Wastewater Treatment Plant, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore and that the Treasurer or any other official of the Town is authorized to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement there under and a project regulatory agreement to expend any such funds.
The motion was seconded and carried at 7:23PM.
Article 2: Selectman Michael Collins moved to raise and appropriate the sum of $17,864 for the purpose of supplementing the Highway Departments FY07 Salaries and Wages, $600 to supplement Highway Department Expenses, $465 to supplement the Assessors FY07 Salary & Wages, $1,167 to supplement the Treasurers FY07 Salaries and Wages, and from Water Department Receipts $3,940 to supplement the Water Department FY07 Salaries and Wages, $300 to supplement Water Department Expenses, and from Sewer Department Receipts, $300 to supplement Sewer Department expenses voted at the Annual Town Meeting of May 2006, for the purposes of ratifying a contract commencing July 1, 2006.
The motion was seconded and carried at 7:24PM.

Article 3: Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to accept, for all boards, committees or commissions holding adjudicatory hearings in the town, the provisions of G.L. c.39, §23D, which provide that a member of a board, committee, or commission holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to the member's absence from one session of such hearing, provided that certain conditions are met.
The motion was seconded and carried at 7:25PM.

Article 4: Selectman Alan Ryan moved to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills (pre7/1/06) as follows:

To Account	Amount	From Account	
John B Cochran esq.	$913.00	Legal	$913.00
Home Depot	$284.55	Parks Repair & Maint	$284.55
Carol Winters	$670.00	Treasurer, Prof & Tec	$670.00
Car Quest/Allison Auto Parts	$ 20.68	Water Dept/Vehicular	$ 20.68

The motion was seconded and carried at 7:27PM.

Article 5: Finance Committee member James Carroll moved to rescind Article 18 of the May 16, 2006 annual town meeting.
Commentary: Article 18 of the May 16th meeting asked town meeting to approve $48,286 as the final lease payment for a highway truck. The same amount was also budgeted by the Finance Committee under Retirement of Debt – Principle and Retirement of Debt – Interest.
The motion was seconded and carried at 7:28PM.
Article 6: Finance Committee member James Carroll moved to amend the amount appropriated in article 12 of the May 16, 2006 annual town meeting such that the amount to raise and appropriate is $17,194,019.
Commentary: The total amount of the budget was to be $17,338,319 less the amount of $144,300 to be taken from Stabilization.
The motion was seconded and carried at 7:28PM.
Article 7: I move to transfer from the following budget line items voted at the June 20, 2006 Town Meeting pursuant to Article 5 the following sums to be expended on the following:

From:		To:	
BBC Painting	$ 4,365	BBC Tile/Boys Bathroom	$ 5,000
BBC Boiler & chimney repair	$ 5,583	Memorial Roof Analysis	$10,000
Jr.-Sr. High Cupola	$25,395	Memorial Roof Eng & Des	$11,043
		Eng & Des Cupola HS	$ 9,300

Article 8: Water & Sewer Commissioner Robert Bird moved to authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum of $150,000 to fund expenses incurred as a result of the Administrative Consent Order number ACOP-CE-05-1N008, issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, on July 21, 2005, to the Hopedale Wastewater Treatment Plant, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or note of the Town therefore and that the Treasurer or any other official of the Town is authorized to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement thereunder and a project regulatory agreement to expend any such funds.

The motion was seconded and carried at 7:34PM.

Article 9: Water & Sewer Commissioner Robert Bird moved to transfer from Sewer Department FY2006 Certified retained Earnings, $19,727.56 as payment for an amount the town raised on the Fiscal Year 2004 Recapitulation Sheet, as payment for a deficit caused by late billing of the annual assessment.

The motion was seconded and carried at 7:35PM.

Moderator Larkin, during a point of personal privilege, congratulated Mr. Robert Burns on a well-run campaign for State Representative. Although Mr. Burns did not prevail, he was applauded by the Townspeople.

Coordinator Phillips made a motion to dissolve the warrant. Said motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Tuesday, June 12th, 2007 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester. Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, June 12th, 2007, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and other offices, departments, or committees of said town, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, §108 to fix the annual salary and compensation for each elected Town officer and further to see if the Town will vote to fix the annual compensation for special appointed officials for his/her service in fiscal year 2008, or take any other action related thereto.

Town Moderator (1)	$ 200
Board of Selectmen (3)	$ 6,500
Town Clerk (1)*	$31,948
Road Commissioners (3)	$ 2,200
Board of Health (3)	$ 1,850
Park Commissioners (3)	$ 1,600
Water/Sewer Commissioners (3)	$ 2,200
Tree Warden (1)	$ 1,000
Planning Board (5)	$ 3,700
Board of Assessors (3)	$ 1,850
Board of Registrars (3) appt.	$ 1,600
Clerk to Registrars (1)	$ 500
Zoning Board of Appeals (5) appt.	$ 1,300
Finance Committee (9) appt.	$ 950
School Committee (5)	$ 5,500
Conservation Committee (5)	$ 2,600
Library Trustees (3)	$ 1,600

*Town Clerk is paid weekly; all others twice per year

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through assessments provided under M.G.L. c. 83, §16, and to be collected under M.G.L. c. 44, §53E bond issue payments of $72,069 for the Sewer Department, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of monies into and/or out of the Stabilization Fund as provided under M.G.L. c. 40, §5B, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a hazardous waste collection day and recycling program to include composting and yard waste and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Board of Health to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed $30,000.00 for the fiscal year 2008; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the animal control division of the Hopedale Board of Health, which fund will be credited with receipts for the boarding of stray animals, fines for violations, and the licensing of animals, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed $15,000.00 for the fiscal year 2008; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40 certain sums as received in filing fees from prior fiscal years, for the fiscal year 2008, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to the sum of $122,875 in anticipation of Chapter 90 State reimbursement funds for the purpose of providing road paving/improvement projects, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw, to adjust the percentage applicable to the compensation plan, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Personnel Committee

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available Treasury funds, such sums of money as deemed necessary to defray Town charges for fiscal Year 2008 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries $169,965, Expenses $593,711, Debt $89,535.00 including Long Term Principle $47,342, Long Term Interest $16,993and BAN $25,200, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Sewer Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries $ 225,527, Expenses $ 412,703, Debt $ 27,069 for Sewer Bond Interest, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Ambulance Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries $ 103,554, Expenses $ 51,225, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of $1,354.59 to pay the Town's annual assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $ 157,151 for the Town's net operating and capital assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional High School, which is inclusive of $ 14,619 for the debt service associated with Hopedale's previously (2001) voted amount for the districts addition/renovation project, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding and operating the Hopedale Cable Advisory Board and other related costs, which fund shall be credited solely with receipts from Comcast pursuant to Sections 5.2(a) and 5.2(b) of the renewal license dated January 9, 1999 to be expended under the authority of the Hopedale Cable Advisory Committee, such expenditures not to exceed $100,000 for the fiscal year 2008; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Cable advisory Committee

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Enterprise Account to the Capital Projects line the sum of $113,000 to the Capital Projects Line to purchase a truck, conduct a water audit, purchase radio read meters and continue development of the new source pilot testing, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Sewer Retained Earnings to the Capital Projects line the sum of $50,000 to purchase a new truck, sand blast and paint #1 Secondary Tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and conduct an I&I study, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to accept G.L. c. 59, section 5L, which provides for the deferral of any real and personal property taxes by a member of the Massachusetts National Guard or reservist or a dependent of such member while that member is on active service outside the Commonwealth and for the next 180 days after that service without the assessment of any interest or penalties before the expiration of those 180 days, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Assessors

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to G. L. Ch. 59 § 5, Clause 41C, as authorized under Section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002 of the General Court, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, currently $4,587 in valuation or $575 which ever is greater, to $4,784 in valuation or $600, which ever is greater, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Assessors

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to accept the provisions of Mass. G.L. c. 60A, §1 exempting former prisoners of war as defined by said section from the motor vehicle excise tax imposed by said section, including the proviso exempting a motor vehicle owned and registered by the surviving spouse of a deceased former prisoner of war from said excise taxes until such time as the surviving spouse remarries or fails to renew such registration, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Assessors

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into one or more inter-municipal agreements pursuant to MGL c40 § 4A, with the Towns of Milford,

Upton & Hopkinton or with any one or more governmental units in order to make improvements and repairs to the Lake Maspenock Dam; and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to take all other action necessary or appropriate to carry out the purpose of this article, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way 20,705 square feet, more or less of Robertson Drive, as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: "LAYOUT PLAN OF ROBERTSON DRIVE IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2006 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508)473-6630 Fax: (508)473-8243", which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; and further to authorize the Road Commissioners to acquire by gift and to accept the deed to the Inhabitants of the Town of an easement in Robertson Drive as shown on said plan, upon such terms and conditions as they shall determine appropriate, for the purposes of a public way, together with the roadway and utilities as set forth on said plan, or take any other action related thereto

Submitted by: Planning Board

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, $86,937.50 to make the first of a three year lease to purchase payment to California First National Bank, or take any other action in relation thereof.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of $65,000 appropriated under Article 3 of the April 13, 2004 Annual Town Meeting for Highway Sand/Salt Shed to General Funds, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: **Finance Committee**

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote transfer from Stabilization $62,500 to fund the third year of a 6 year mortgage with Louis J. Noferi as authorized by Article 20 of the April 12, 2005 Annual Town Meeting and as amended by Article 20 of the May 16, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the three public places in different parts of the Town not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 4th day of June 2007.

HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael E. Collins

Louis J. Arcudi III
Chairman

Alan J. Ryan

A True Copy, ATTEST:
Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Post Office Lobby.

#41
Constable

060507
Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT JUNE 12TH FY2007
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.
Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, June 12th, 2007, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay a prior year bill (pre7/1/06), or take any other action related thereto:

To Account	Amount	From Account	Amount
Mary Arcudi	$50.00	Zoning Board of Appeals	$50.00

Submitted by: Selectmen
Commentary: The above listed bill was incurred during the previous fiscal year while the actual billing was received after July 1, 2007, the start of the new fiscal year. Since the account for the prior fiscal year has been closed out it is necessary to pay it if approved from currently available funds. A 90% majority will be required for approval.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Salaries & Wages, Permanent, the sum of $9,388.00 to Water, Personal Services, or take any other action related thereto:

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners
Commentary: The resignation of the Water/Sewer Billing clerk necessitated the hiring of temporary labor for 3 ½ months at a much higher hourly rate than was budgeted for.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Salaries & Wages, Permanent, the sum of $24,300.00 to Sewer, Other Personal Services, or take any other action related thereto:

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners
Commentary: Additional funding required to fill staffing requirements as dictated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection after the resignation of one licensed operator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

~~Article 4:~~

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds such sums as may be required for various purposes, or take any other related action thereto.

Submitted by: Capital Planning Committee

Commentary: It is anticipated this article will transfer from Free Cash the following sums for capital item. Free Cash has been traditionally used to fund capital items of a non reoccurring nature:

- *School Bus Leases* *$ 33,000*
- *2 Dump Bodies* *$ 38,000*
- *Highway Building Roof Repair* *$ 22,000*
- *Fire Station Window Repairs* *$ 20,000*
- *Town Hall Fire/Smoke Alarms* *$ 12,000*
- *Library Leaded Windows Repair* *$ 8.207*

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Stabilization, a sum of monies to offset any year end deficit in the Health Insurance Trust Fund, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

Commentary: The Town of Hopedale began a self funded insurance program this fiscal year for Blue Cross/Blue Shield. This article will cover any potential deficit. If there is no deficit this article will be passed over. This article will require a 2/3's majority vote.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote transfer from Stabilization $50,000 to fund the second year of a 5 year mortgage with Louis J. Noferi as authorized by Article 20 of the April 12, 2005 Annual Town Meeting and as amended by Article 20 of the May 16, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

Commentary: The Town of Hopedale purchased a 3½ acre tract of land behind the High School from Atty. Louis J Noferi for $350,000 and agreed to pay the total price over six (six) years. This will be the second of six installments. This article will require a 2/3's majority vote.

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the three public places in different parts of the Town not less than fourteen days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 29th day of May 2007.

HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael E. Collins

Michael E. Collins

Louis J. Arcudi III
Chairman

Alan J. Ryan

A True Copy, ATTEST:
Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Post Office Lobby.

Constable

050907
Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 12, 2007

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the auditorium of the Jr. – Sr. High School at 7:00PM. At 7:08PM Moderator Francis J. Larkin declared a quorum (50) present and opened the Annual Town Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated June 4, 2007. The Special Town Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated May 29, 2007. Both warrants were posted according to Town by-laws by sworn Constables.

Moderator Larkin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to extend privileges of the floor to specific non-residents was made and seconded. The non-residents include Town Counsel Joyce Frank, Police Chief Eugene Costanza, and Town Collector/Treasurer Barbara Walls. The motion was carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator.

Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE 1: Selectman Lou Arcudi moved to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and other offices, departments, or committees of said town. The motion was seconded and carried.

-Finance Committee Member James Carroll spoke of the financial challenges facing the Town. With State Aid dropping and lottery revenue increasing only slightly the Finance Committee is extremely concerned regarding the near future. Free Cash has dropped from $463,000 in 2003 to $133,000 in 2007. Mr. Carroll spoke of increasing fees in the future and controlling costs. One suggestion made was the consideration of shared/regionalized services.
-Council on Aging Director Carole Mullen and Fire Chief/EMS Director Scott Garland informed the Townspeople of a grant received that will benefit citizens who may need assistance during emergencies/storms. A packet will be mailed to residents in July for the purpose of self-identification. The respondents will be placed in a database. The hope is that this project will be a model for communities with populations under 10,000. The Council on Aging is the contact agency.
-Rick Espanet, Parks Commission, spoke about a parcel of land, which will be turned over to the Town. The lot, referred to as Harmony Lot 1A, could be utilized in many ways. The Parks Commission is seeking ideas for use of the land. Some suggestions thus far are for a multi-sport field (baseball/softball/soccer/field hockey/lacrosse), along with a small playground, walking trails, fitness stops, and Highway Department storage. The Commission is seeking grants for development.
-Michael Ruane updated the assembly on Draper Re-use Committee activity. The Committee obtained a State grant for consultant services. After a proposal request was made and the respondents' plans were reviewed, the Committee chose Concord Square/Icon Architects to work on assessing the former mill and its potential future development.

-Friends of Historic Hopedale Co-chairs, Elaine Malloy and Theresa Ryan, reported that all funding to rehabilitate the Little Red Shop has been raised. A $21,000 check from the Friends was presented. Many thanks were extended to Merrily Sparling, Thomas McGovern and William Gannett. The shop is slated to open in the fall as a town museum.
- Prospective Eagle Scout Kevin Keating of Troop 1 presented plans for his Eagle Scout project. An historic cupola that was previously part of an Adin Street residence had been moved to Milford. Current owner Paul Curran would like to return the architectural piece to the Town. Mr. Keating proposes to restore the cupola and install it on the Town property located at the intersection of Route 16 (Mendon Street) and Adin Street. Mr. Keating further asked for assistance from community members who may be able to donate funds and/or time to the project.

Eugene Phillips moved to recess the Annual Town Meeting, to be reopened at the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting, and to open the Special Town Meeting. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator at 7:34PM.

Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 1: Selectman Alan Ryan moved to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay a prior year bill (pre7/1/07) as follows:

To Account	Amount	From Account	Amount
Mary Arcudi	$50.00	Zoning Board of Appeals	$50.00

The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 7:35PM.

Article 2: Dr. James Morin, Water & Sewer Commissioner, moved to transfer from Water Salaries & Wages, Permanent the sum of $9,388.00 to other Water, Personal Services.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 7:36PM.

Article 3: Dr. James Morin moved to transfer from sewer salaries & wages, permanent the sum of $24,300.00 to other personal services.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 7:37PM.

Article 4: Selectman Michael Collins moved to pass over this article.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 7:38PM.

Article 5: James Carroll moved to transfer from FY2006 certified Free Cash the amount of $133,207 to be expended for the following projects:

School Bus Leases	$33,000
2 Dump Bodies	$38,000
Highway Building Roof Repair	$22,000
Fire Station Window Repairs	$20,000
Town Hall Fire/Smoke Alarms	$12,000
Library Leaded Window Repair	$ 8,207

The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 7:42PM
Article 6: Michael Collins moved to pass over this article.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 7:43PM

Article 7: Michael Collins moved to pass over this article.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 7:44PM

Eugene Phillips moved to dissolve the Special Town Meeting warrant and reconvene the recessed Annual Town Meeting.
The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator at 7:44PM.

ARTICLE 2: Alan Ryan moved, pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, §108 to fix the annual salary and compensation for each elected Town officer and to fix the annual compensation for special appointed officials for his/her service in fiscal year 2008.

Town Moderator (1)	$ 200
Board of Selectmen (3)	$ 6,500
Town Clerk (1)*	$31,948
Road Commissioners (3)	$ 2,200
Board of Health (3)	$ 1,850
Park Commissioners (3)	$ 1,600
Water/Sewer Commissioners (3)	$ 2,200
Tree Warden (1)	$ 1,000
Planning Board (5)	$ 3,700
Board of Assessors (3)	$ 1,850
Board of Registrars (3) appt.	$ 1,600
Clerk to Registrars (1)	$ 500
Zoning Board of Appeals (5) appt.	$ 1,300
Finance Committee (9) appt.	$ 950
School Committee (5)	$ 5,500
Conservation Committee (5)	$ 2,600
Library Trustees (3)	$ 1,600

*Town Clerk is paid weekly; all others twice per year

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator at 7:45PM.

ARTICLE 3: Commissioner Morin moved to raise and appropriate through assessments provided under M.G.L. c. 83, §16, and to be collected under M.G.L. c. 44, §53E bond issue payments of $72,069 including $45,000 Principal and $27,069 Interest for the Sewer Department.
The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator at 7:46PM.

ARTICLE 4: James Carroll moved to pass over this article.
The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator at 7:47PM.

ARTICLE 5: Gene Phillips moved to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a hazardous waste collection day and recycling program to include composting and yard waste and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Board of Health to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed $30,000.00 for the fiscal year 2008.
The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator at 7:48PM.

ARTICLE 6: Gene Phillips moved to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the animal control division of the Hopedale Board of Health, which fund will be credited with receipts for the boarding of stray animals, fines for violations, and the licensing of animals, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed $15,000.00 for the fiscal year 2008.
The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator at 7:49PM.

ARTICLE 7: Gene Phillips moved to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without

further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40 certain sums as received in filing fees from prior fiscal years, for the fiscal year 2008.
The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator at 7:49PM.

ARTICLE 8: Gene Phillips moved to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to the sum of $122,875 in anticipation of Chapter 90 State reimbursement funds for the purpose of providing road paving/improvement projects.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously as declared by the Moderator at 7:51PM.

ARTICLE 9: Michael Collins moved, pursuant to Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw, Section 137-17 to adjust the salaries to be paid by an increase of 3.5% as shown on the Compensation Plan.

2008 Rate Increase = 3.5%

Grade	Hourly		Annual		Annual	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
			@40.0 Hr		@37.5 Hr	
1	$ 10.03	$ 12.04	$ 20,946.16	$ 25,135.39	$ 19,561.79	$ 23,474.15
2	$ 13.04	$ 15.65	$ 27,125.68	$ 32,550.82	$ 25,430.32	$ 30,516.39
3	$ 13.57	$ 16.28	$ 28,221.14	$ 33,854.94	$ 26,457.32	$ 31,739.00
4	$ 14.11	$ 16.93	$ 29,342.68	$ 35,211.22	$ 27,508.77	$ 33,010.52
5	$ 14.81	$ 17.77	$ 30,803.30	$ 36,958.74	$ 28,878.09	$ 34,648.82
6	$ 15.55	$ 18.66	$ 32,342.16	$ 38,810.59	$ 30,320.77	$ 36,384.93
7	$ 16.79	$ 20.15	$ 34,924.31	$ 41,914.39	$ 32,741.54	$ 39,294.74
8	$ 17.47	$ 20.97	$ 36,332.76	$ 43,609.75	$ 34,061.96	$ 40,884.14
9	$ 18.17	$ 23.61	$ 37,793.38	$ 49,113.13	$ 35,431.29	$ 46,043.56
10	$ 19.99	$ 25.98	$ 41,575.32	$ 54,042.70	$ 38,976.86	$ 50,665.03
11	$ 22.99	$ 31.02	$ 47,809.01	$ 64,527.82	$ 44,820.95	$ 60,494.83
12	$ 27.57	$ 39.99	$ 57,355.16	$ 83,176.72	$ 53,770.47	$ 77,978.18

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator at 7:53PM.

ARTICLE 10: James Carroll moved to raise and appropriate the sum of $18,094,924, and transfer $65,000 from the Highway Sand/Salt Shed account as authorized by the Article 3 of the April 13, 2004 Annual Town Meeting to defray Town charges for fiscal year 2008 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report.

1 GENERAL FUND - 100 GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SALARIES ELECTED OFFICALS	200
OFFICE	25
TOWN MODERATOR	**225**

SALARIES ELECTED OFFICALS	6,500
EXPENSE	5,500
SELECTMEN	**12,000**

SALARIES	117,593
EXPENSE	87,000
COORDINATOR	**204,593**
SALARY, APPOINTED	950
EXPENSE	925
FINANCE COMMITTEE	**1,875**
RESERVE FUND	**79,185**
SALARIES	84,504
EXPENSE	23,100
WATER/SEWER CONTRIBUTION	(14,746)
ACCOUNTANT	**92,858**
SALARIES, PERMANENT	88,728
SALARIES, APPOINTED	1,850
EXPENSE	37,510
ASSESSORS	**128,088**
SALARIES, PERMANENT	130,058
EXPENSE	49,460
WATER/SEWER CONTRIBUTION	(14,746)
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	**164,772**
TOWN COUNSEL	**45,000**
CABLE TV COMMITTEE	**64,461**
TAX TITLE	**6,500**
SALARIES, ELECTED	31,947
EXPENSE	3,100
TOWN CLERK	**35,047**
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	2,800
EXPENSE	3,500
ELECTIONS	**6,300**
SALARIES	1,600

EXPENSE	3,000
REGISTRATION	**4,600**
SALARY	600
EXPENSE	600
PARKING CLERK	**1,200**
SALARIES, APPOINTED	2,600
EXPENSE	485
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE	**3,085**
SALARIES (minutes), PERMANENT	1,200
SALARIES, APPOINTED OFFICIALS	3,700
EXPENSE	8,438
PLANNING BOARD	**13,338**
SALARIES (minutes), PERMANENT	900
SALARIES, APPOINTED OFFICIALS	1,300
EXPENSE	2,100
ZONING BOARD	**4,300**
COMPUTER	**22,510**
PUBLIC BLD - TOWN HALL	**69,796**
TOTAL - GENERAL GOV.	
959,733	

1 GENERAL FUND - 200 PUBLIC SAFETY

SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	740,579
EXPENSE	139,787
POLICE	**880,366**
DISPATCH SALARIES	185,629
DISPATCH	**185,629**
SALARIES	396,958
EXPENSES	93,810
FIRE	**490,768**

POLICE DETAIL SALARIES	8,000
TOWN POLICE DETAIL	**8,000**
SALARIES	27,853
EXPENSES	4,000
BUILDING INSPECTOR	**31,853**
SALARIES	7,000
EXPENSES	500
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	**7,500**
SALARIES	7,000
EXPENSES	500
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	**7,500**
SALARIES	900
WEIGHTS & MEASURES	**900**
CIVIL DEFENSE (EMS)	**2,900**
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	6,839
EXPENSES	300
DOG OFFICER	**7,139**
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICALS	1,000
EXPENSES	15,200
FORESTRY-TREE PLANTING	**16,200**
FORESTRY-PEST CONTROL	**300**
FORESTRY-DUTCH ELM	**500**
TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY	**1,639,556**

1 GENERAL FUND - 300 EDUCATION

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	**9,456,433**

1 GENERAL FUND - 400 PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

SALARIES, ELECTED	2,200
SALARIES, PERMANENT	280,286
EXPENSES	212,144
HIGHWAY	**494,630**

SALARIES	20,000
EXPENSES	75,000
SNOW REMOVAL	**95,000**

STREET LIGHTING	**40,000**

SALARY, PERMANENT	1,607
EXPENSES	500
CEMETERY	**2,107**

TOTAL - PUBLIC WORKS	**631,737**

1 GENERAL FUND - 500 HUMAN SERVICES

SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	40,211
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICALS	1,850
EXPENSES	450,276
HEALTH OFFICER	**492,337**

SALARIES	39,890
EXPENSES	17,960
COUNCIL ON AGING	**57,850**

SALARY, PERMANENT	2,910
EXPENSES	4,000
VETERANS	**6,910**

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES	**150**

TOTAL - HUMAN SERVICES	**557,247**

1 GENERAL FUND - 600 CULTURE AND RECREATION

SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	135,916
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICALS	1,600

EXPENSES	96,544
LIBRARY	**234,060**
SALARY & WAGES PERMANENT	32,870
SALARIES ELECTED OFFICALS	1,600
EXPENSES	43,200
PARKS	**77,670**
RED SHOP TOTAL	**1,978**
EXPENSES	2,850
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	**2,850**
MEMORIAL DAY	**300**
CULTURAL COUNCIL	**4,000**
TOTAL - CULTURE AND RECREATION	**320,858**
1 GENERAL FUND - 700 DEBT SERVICE	
RETIREMENT OF DEBT – PRINCIPLE	**1,444,777**
RETIREMENT OF DEBT – INTEREST	**631,112**
TOTAL - DEBT SERVICE	**2,075,889**
1 GENERAL FUND - 800 INTERGOVERNMENTAL	
COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	**384,643**
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	**384,643**
1 GENERAL FUND - 900 MISCELLANEOUS	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	**25,000**
MEDICARE	**145,750**
HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	**1,778,956**
WORKERS COMPENSATION PREMIUMS	**73,442**
LIABILITY INSURANCE	**111,000**
TOTAL – MISCELLANEOUS	**2,134,148**

TOTAL	**18,160,244**

The following line items were put on hold: Selectmen, Coordinator, Accountant, Treasurer/Collector, Parks School Department, Fire and Ambulance.
A motion to vote on all non-hold line items was made, seconded and passed by voice vote at 8:32PM as declared by the Moderator.

All items on hold were discussed to the satisfaction of the voters. Each held line was moved, seconded and voted in the affirmative as originally presented. The votes were declared passed by the Moderator at 9:30PM.

A motion was made and seconded to correct the arithmetical error in the total expenditure. An additional $320 was needed to meet the $18,160,244 appropriation. The motion carried as declared by the Moderator at 9:35PM. ($18,095,244 + $65,000).

ARTICLE 11: James Morin moved to authorize the Water Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries $169,965, Expenses $476,361, Debt $89,535.00 including Long Term Principle $47,342, Long Term Interest $16,993 and BAN $25,200.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 9:39PM.

ARTICLE 12: James Morin moved to authorize the Sewer Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries $ 225,527, Expenses $ 365,403.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 9:40PM.

ARTICLE 13: Lou Arcudi moved to authorize the Ambulance Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries $ 103,554, Expenses $ 51,225.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 9:41PM.

ARTICLE 14: Planning Board Member Carol Whyte moved to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,355 to pay the Town's annual assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 9:41PM.

ARTICLE 15: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School Committee Member Paul Yanovitch moved to raise and appropriate the sum of $ 157,151 for the Town's net operating and capital assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional High School, which is inclusive of $ 14,619 for the debt service associated with Hopedale's previously (2001) voted amount for the districts addition/renovation project.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 9:42PM.

ARTICLE 16: Gene Phillips moved to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding and operating the Hopedale Cable Advisory Board and other related costs, which fund shall be credited solely with receipts from Comcast pursuant to Sections 5.2(a) and 5.2(b) of the renewal license dated January 9, 1999 to be expended under the authority of the Hopedale Cable Advisory Committee, such expenditures not to exceed $100,000 for the fiscal year 2008.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 9:43PM.

ARTICLE 17: James Morin moved to transfer from the Water Enterprise Account to the Capital Projects line, the sum of $113,000 to the Capital Projects Line to purchase a truck, conduct a

water audit, purchase radio read meters, and continue development of the new source pilot testing.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 9:45PM.

ARTICLE 18: James Morin moved to transfer from the Sewer Retained Earnings to the Capital Projects line the sum of $50,000 to purchase a new truck, sand blast and paint #1 Secondary Tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and conduct an I&I study.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 9:46PM.

ARTICLE 19: Principal Assessor Teresa Gonsalves moved to accept G.L. c. 59, § 5L, which provides for the deferral of any real and personal property taxes by a member of the Massachusetts National Guard or reservist or a dependent of such member while that member is on active service outside the Commonwealth and for the next 180 days after that service without the assessment of any interest or penalties before the expiration of those 180 days.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 9:47PM.

ARTICLE 20: Teresa Gonsalves moved to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to G. L. Ch. 59 § 5, Clause 41C, as authorized under Section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002 of the General Court, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, currently $4,587 in valuation or $575 which ever is greater, to $4,784 in valuation or $600, which ever is greater.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 9:48PM.

ARTICLE 21: Teresa Gonsalves moved to accept the provisions of Mass. G.L. c. 60A, §1 exempting former prisoners of war as defined by said section from the motor vehicle excise tax imposed by said section, including the proviso exempting a motor vehicle owned and registered by the surviving spouse of a deceased former prisoner of war from said excise taxes until such time as the surviving spouse remarries or fails to renew such registration.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 9:48PM.

ARTICLE 22: Alan Ryan moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into one or more inter-municipal agreements pursuant to MGL c40 § 4A, with the Towns of Milford, Upton & Hopkinton or with any one or more governmental units in order to make improvements and repairs to the Lake Maspenock Dam; and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to take all other action necessary or appropriate actions to carry out the purpose of this article.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 9:50PM.

ARTICLE 23: Carol Whyte moved to accept as a public way 20,705 square feet, more or less of Robertson Drive, as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: "LAYOUT PLAN OF ROBERTSON DRIVE IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2006 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508) 473-6630 Fax: (508) 473-8243", which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; and further to authorize the Road Commissioners to acquire by gift and to accept the deed to the Inhabitants of the Town of an easement in Robertson Drive as shown on said plan, upon such terms and conditions as they shall determine appropriate, for the purposes of a public way, together with the roadway and utilities as set forth on said plan.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 9:51PM.

ARTICLE 24: Gene Phillips moved to raise and appropriate $86,937.50 to make the first of a three-year lease to purchase payment to California First National Bank.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 9:53PM.

ARTICLE 25: Gene Phillips moved to pass over this article.
The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 9:53PM.

ARTICLE 26: Michael Collins moved to transfer from Stabilization $65,000 to fund to fund the current annual obligation of the Town under a 6 year mortgage with Louis J. Noferi as authorized by Article 20 of the April 12, 2005 Annual Town Meeting and as amended by Article 20 of the May 16, 2006 Annual Town Meeting.
The motion was seconded and passed unanimously as declared by the Moderator at 9:56PM.

A motion to dissolve the warrant was heard, seconded and passed as declared by Moderator Larkin.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Town Accountant
Linda Catanzariti

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The Board of Selectmen and
Residents of Hopedale

The following report reflects the financial condition of the Town of Hopedale as of June 30, 2007 and for the year then ended. The financial statements include the combined balance sheet and combined statement of revenues and expenditures.

I would like to thank the various town departments for their assistance and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Catanzariti
Town Accountant

Town of Hopedale
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2007

ASSETS	General Fund (1)	Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-42)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Health Insurance (69)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
Cash & Investments:									
Cash & Investments	1,843,604.94	1,451,426.49	211,997.03	195,462.32	343,231.59	410,420.15	1,241,875.90	-	5,698,018.42
Premium Deposit (Self-Insurance)						340,000.00			340,000.00
Receivables:									
Personal Property	33,081.03								33,081.03
Real Estate	213,638.86								213,638.86
Tax Liens	294,461.93								294,461.93
Deferred Property	15,890.10								15,890.10
Tax Foreclosures	71,997.25								71,997.25
Motor Vehicle Excise	124,113.08								124,113.08
Total Tax and Excise	753,182.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	753,182.25
User Charges				7,237.08	1,475.06				8,712.14
Other Service				(6,426.09)	34,073.46				27,647.37
Special Assessments				1,060,066.67	941.96				1,061,008.63
Ambulance Receivable		89,716.88							89,716.88
Utilities Liens Added to Taxes				587.28	607.31				
Total User Charges and Assessments	-	89,716.88	-	1,061,464.94	37,097.79	-	-	-	1,188,279.61
Total Receivables	753,182.25	89,716.88	-	1,061,464.94	37,097.79	-	-	-	1,941,461.86
Due from Commonwealth					404,889.41				404,889.41
Amounts To Be Provided:									
Bonds Authorized								1,757,795.00	1,757,795.00
Bonds Authorized and Unissued								(1,757,795.00)	(1,757,795.00)
Amounts to be Provided for BANS			1,560,000.00						1,560,000.00
Amounts to be Provided for Bonds								17,538,674.00	17,538,674.00
	-	-	1,560,000.00	-	-		-	17,538,674.00	19,098,674.00
TOTAL ASSETS	2,596,787.19	1,541,143.37	1,771,997.03	1,256,927.26	785,218.79	750,420.15	1,241,875.90	17,538,674.00	27,483,043.69

Town of Hopedale
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2007

LIABILITIES	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-42)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Health Insurance (69)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
Warrants Payable	429,663.95	44,165.58	14,673.07	6,877.83	34,415.58	65.00	308.00		530,169.01
Medical Claims Payable						229,204.00			229,204.00
Withholdings	170,107.34								170,107.34
Provision for Abatements/Exemptions	181,150.47								181,150.47

Agency Accounts							185,019.96		185,019.96
Tailings	8,975.76								8,975.76
Deferred Revenue:									
Property Taxes	65,569.42								65,569.42
Tax Liens	294,461.93								294,461.93
Deferred Taxes	15,890.10								15,890.10
Tax Foreclosures	71,997.25								71,997.25
Motor Vehicle	124,113.08								124,113.08
Water & Sewer				1,060,877.66	36,490.48				1,097,368.14
Ambulance		89,716.88							89,716.88
Utilities Liens Added to Taxes				587.28	607.31				1,194.59
Intergovernmental					404,889.41				404,889.41
	572,031.78	89,716.88	-	1,061,464.94	441,987.20	-	-	-	2,165,200.80
Bond Anticipation Notes			1,560,000.00						1,560,000.00
Bond Payable:									
Sewer Plant								700,000.00	700,000.00
Water Expansion								1,019,625.00	1,019,625.00
High School Building								10,490,000.00	10,490,000.00
Memorial School Building								3,045,000.00	3,045,000.00
Fire Station Renovation								1,805,350.00	1,805,350.00
Fire Station Contamination								117,650.00	117,650.00
Storm Water								361,049.00	361,049.00
	-	-	-	-	-		-	17,538,674.00	17,538,674.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,361,929.30	133,882.46	1,574,673.07	1,068,342.77	476,402.78	229,269.00	185,327.96	17,538,674.00	22,568,501.34

Town of Hopedale
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2007

	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-42)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Health Insurance (69)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
FUND BALANCE									
Reserved Fund Balance:									
Reserved for Other Purposes				-					-
Reserved for Encumbrances	232,553.43			1,226.69	2,629.11				236,409.23
Reserved for Carryovers	526,998.95			-	9,000.00				535,998.95
Reserved for Petty Cash	220.00								220.00
Reserved for Special Purposes				50,000.00	113,000.00				163,000.00
	759,772.38	-	-	51,226.69	124,629.11	-	-	-	935,628.18
Designated Fund Balance	(2,331.06)	1,407,260.91	197,323.96			521,151.15	1,056,547.94		3,179,952.90

Unreserved Fund Balance	477,416.57	-	-	137,357.80	184,186.90		-	-	798,961.27
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	1,234,857.89	1,407,260.91	197,323.96	188,584.49	308,816.01	521,151.15	1,056,547.94	-	4,914,542.35
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	2,596,787.19	1,541,143.37	1,771,997.03	1,256,927.26	785,218.79	750,420.15	1,241,875.90	17,538,674.00	27,483,043.69

Town of Hopedale
Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
June 30, 2007

	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-42)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Revenue Fund (20)	Health Insurance (69)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
REVENUE									
Taxes:									
Personal Property	134,056.45								134,056.45
Real Estate	8,532,706.94								8,532,706.94
Tax Liens Redeemed	1,048.70								1,048.70
Motor Vehicle Excise	734,379.56								734,379.56
Penalties & Interest	49,495.35								49,495.35
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	41,476.14								41,476.14
Total Taxes	9,493,163.14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,493,163.14
User Charges:									
Water					498,981.82				498,981.82
Sewer				632,750.20					632,750.20
Assessments				71,785.99	128,675.94				200,461.93
Total User Charges	-	-	-	704,536.19	627,657.76	-	-	-	1,332,193.95
State Aid	7,754,167.46	612,709.22							8,366,876.68
Other Special Revenue		2,021,414.01							2,021,414.01
Other Local Receipts:									
Charges for Services	78,023.22	227,952.74	-	-		-	-	-	305,975.96
Licenses & Permits	89,893.40								89,893.40
Fines & Forfeits	31,290.30								31,290.30
Interest	100,916.44			3,275.27	3,275.22		67,187.86		174,654.79
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	207,334.87				5,999.93	805,226.05			1,018,560.85
	507,458.23	227,952.74	-	3,275.27	9,275.15	805,226.05	67,187.86	-	1,620,375.30
TOTAL REVENUE	17,754,788.83	2,862,075.97	-	707,811.46	636,932.91	805,226.05	67,187.86	-	22,834,023.08

Town of Hopedale
Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
June 30, 2007

	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-42)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Spacial Enterprise Fund (20)	Health Insurance (69)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
EXPENDITURES									
Expenditures									
General Government	796,485.21	48,202.79							844,688.00
Police	1,016,705.82	18,621.63							1,035,327.45
Fire	462,245.44	11,268.23	619,684.96						1,093,198.63
Ambulance	125,580.02	15,457.32							141,037.34
Inspectors	44,990.28								44,990.28
Forestry	16,392 00								16,392.00
Other Public Safety	20,792 71	2,313.46							23,106.17
Education	8,652,942.71	2,257,757.42							10,910,700.13
Highway	592,738.42	153,164.61	88,500.00						834,403.03
Sewer			35,629.89	606,308.21					641,938.10
Water			87,437 75		652,609 83				740,047 58
Other Public Works	44,955.69	916.70							45,872.39
Board of Health	441,949.96	19,887.09							461,837.05
Council on Aging	53,439.82	5,359.00							58,798.82
Veterans	3,201.84								3,201 84
Library	218,897.88	10,935.55					2,390.31		232,223.74
Parks	60,681.19	7,133.59							67,814.78
Council on Arts	4,000.00	3,000.00							7,000.00
Other Culture and Recreation	22,818 45								22,818 45
Debt Service	2,219,971 89			80,288 56	91,554 08				2,391,814.53
State and County Charges	868,490.57								868,490.57
Employee Benefits	618,098.13					1,751,578 27			2,369,676 40
Total Expenditures	16,285,378.03	2,554,017.39	831,252.60	686,596.77	744,163.91	1,751,578.27	2,390.31	-	22,855,377.28
Excess (deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures	1,469,410.80	308,058.58	(831,252.60)	21,214.69	(107,231.00)	(946,352.22)	64,797.55	-	(21,354.20)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Other Financing Sources	525,594.46	69,867.73	818,500.00			1,467,503.37	300,000.00		3,181,265.56
Other Financing Uses	(1,837,171.10)	(236,566 90)		(19,727 56)			(269,300.00)		(2,362,765 56)
	(1,311,576.64)	(166,899.17)	818,500.00	(19,727.56)	-	1,467,503.37	30,700.00	-	818,500.00
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	157,834.16	141,159.41	(12,752.60)	1,487.13	(107,231.00)	521,151.15	95,497.55	-	797,145.80

Annual Report for FY2007

The Department of Revenue approved the Town's values for Fiscal Year 2007. With this approval the Town was able to set the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2007. The residential rate is $10.82 per $1,000 in value and the Commercial, Industrial & Personal Property tax rate is $18.60 per $1,000 in value.

The Assessor's Office continues to prepare for our next recertification. To meet the requirements the Assessor's Office will continue to do property inspections through out town. The inspections are to verify that the correct property information will be used when values are set. The verification process includes an interior and exterior inspection. The information that is verified includes the total square footage (exterior), interior information (including finished basements), and other property improvements (pools, sheds and other exterior improvements). The inspections are triggered for various reasons including sales in the previous calendar year, properties that have been issued building permits and if a property has not been inspected in the past three to five years. The Assessor's Office and The Board of Assessors would like to thank the property owners for their cooperation when inspections are requested.

The town offers various exemptions to eligible property owners, please contact our office for further information (508-634-2203 ext 224 or 214).

The Assessor's Office has various information and forms available on line. The Town's web site is www.hopedale-ma.gov

Property record cards are available on line and may be found at two sites:
www.hopedale-ma.gov
www.patriotproperties.com

Respectfully submitted
Lisa M. Alberto, Chairperson Board of Assessors
Teresa M. Gonsalves, MAA Principal Assessor

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Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent-Director

Fiscal Year 2007 Annual Report

REACHING FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE: Your Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District prepares students for successful careers in tomorrow's increasingly complex global marketplace. Focusing primarily on long-term student success, the staff, faculty, administration and School Committee provide an educational experience that suits each student's developing strengths.

Valley Tech students learn that change is imminent and their ability to adapt is indispensable to their success. Valley Tech keeps learning vibrant and students inspired within an environmentally friendly and safe atmosphere. Following completion of its $36 million expansion and renovation in January 2006, students study in an up-to-date facility which provides exposure to the resources and equipment they will encounter in today's sophisticated workplace environment.

During Fiscal Year 2007 (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007), Valley Tech, which serves 13 municipalities including Hopedale, witnessed unprecedented growth, amazing accomplishments by its staff and students, and an ever-increasing sense of pride throughout the Valley Tech region.

Noteworthy among many Fiscal Year 2007 highlights were:

- Receiving a highly favorable report of a five-year focused review from a New England Association of Schools and Colleges visiting team;
- Earning a Pacesetter School distinction by the national *High Schools That Work* network, which is overseen by the Southern Regional Education Board;
- Gaining designation as a Business Leader for Energy Efficiency by Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships;
- Ranking sixth in graduation rate among more than 300 Massachusetts public high schools; and

- Serving as the sole host school for the SkillsUSA Massachusetts state championships, an Olympic-style event for vocational technical students.

VALLEY TECH STUDENTS DISPLAY TALENTS: The Class of 2007 continued a commendable trend by becoming the fourth straight from the school to post 100 percent passage of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System tests in English Language Arts and Mathematics. The students also participated in the Commonwealth's new COPS (Certificate of Occupational Proficiency) written exams, which are the vocational technical equivalent of the MCAS. Valley Tech staff also designed, developed, and administered its own written and skill demonstration tests.

Consistent with a school-wide initiative promoting a healthy lifestyle, the students in the Health Services and Dental Assisting programs hosted a Healthy Heart expo in the school's cafeteria annex. Supported by other vocational-technical programs, the expo clearly demonstrated the damage that unhealthy habits can impose on the human body. The Across The Curriculum learning initiative also included a heart healthy recipe contest. Recipe finalists were prepared by the recipe writer and a student from Culinary Arts, then judged by a panel to determine the winner.

Throughout the school year, Valley Tech students and staff gained invaluable application skills by completing more than 730 projects which also saved money for the school district and stakeholder towns and residents. Students either complete the work on campus or travel to project sites. A few examples include: Electrical students wiring research outposts along the Blackstone and Mumford Rivers for the United States Geological Survey; Painting and Design students designing and painting a wall mural at the Rockdale House Apartments, in Northbridge; Carpentry students building a storage shed for the Milford Public Schools; Health Services students working at various local nursing homes; and Dental Assisting students traveling to pre-school and elementary schools to teach youngsters proper dental care. Printing, signage, and computer repairs were among the projects completed for Hopedale's benefit. All projects in the Valley provided a total return to the District of more than $330,000.

NUMBERS SHOW SUCCESS: The FY07 total operating budget for the District was $15,700,423. Chapter 70 Aid contributed $5,972,403 and Minimum Contribution requirements from the 13 member towns totaled $5,661,661.

In the operation portion of the budget, but outside DOE Net School Spending areas, the District budgeted $831,647 for transportation costs, $3,552 for acquisition of fixed assets, and $564,821 for retiree medical coverage. This was offset by $692,241 in regional student transportation funds received from the state. In addition to their state-required Minimum Contributions, the member towns supported the school's operating budget with shared assessments for operations, student transportation, asset acquisition, and retiree medical. This investment provided the fiscal support to respond to the diverse learning needs of a student population that grew by 8 percent.

Giving consideration to the overall municipal fiscal constraints and the state's economic status, the District continues to search out greater efficiency in its staffing patterns, supply purchases, technology and other contractual service requirements. Because of these prudent budget management practices, the District had the ability to provide needed

resources from unreserved fund balance in the amount of $280,000 to offset the towns' actual assessments. Additionally, the District secured funds to purchase vocational equipment and other fixed assets through private donations totaling $55,500.

CLASS OF 2007: Valley Tech's Class of 2007 included the following graduates from Hopedale: Jessica Marie Carter, Culinary Arts; Jacqueline Marie Felton, Business Technology (National Honor Society); Jesse Michael MacDonald, Plumbing; Gino Mario Recchia, III, Drafting, and Katelyn Nicole Trotta, Business Technology (NHS).

The 13 dedicated individuals who make up the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee provide leadership and expertise in overseeing the District's operations. In the FY07 elections for four-year terms, 10 incumbents were re-elected. Paul M. Yanovitch was elected to represent the Town of Hopedale, replacing Robert S. Metcalf, who served a four-year term. The Committee's combined industry-based experience and advice is unquestionably a valuable District asset as we prepare students for their individual career success in an ever-changing, competitively-charged global economy. Respectfully submitted by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee, Superintendent-Director, and District Treasurer,

Michael D. Peterson, Mendon, Chairman
Gerald M. Finn, Millville, Vice Chairman
Daniel L. Baker, Uxbridge, Secretary
Arthur E. Morin, Milford, Assistant Treasurer
Joseph M. Hall, Bellingham
William J. Pontes, Blackstone
John C. Lavin, III , Douglas
Anthony M. Yitts, Grafton
Paul M. Yanovitch, Hopedale
Chester P. Hanratty, Jr., Millbury
Jeff T. Koopman, Northbridge
Mitchell A. Intinarelli, Sutton
Kenneth M. Pedersen, Jr., Upton

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director
Barbara Auger, District Treasurer

Please Note: This condensed report is provided at the request of municipal authorities. A more detailed report is available from the Office of the Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District, 65 Pleasant St., Upton, MA 01568-1499. For other district information please go to: www.valleytech.k12.ma.us.

The Board of Health submits it's Annual Report of the year ending June 30, 2007.

Once again the Board of Health found itself inundated with a variety of requests and duties and the continued building boom added to an already heavy load.

The 3 member elected board; Peter B. Mitchell, Edward Holland and Robert M. Moro grants variances, hold hearings on non-compliance orders, and promulgates Board of Health Regulations and Policies. The board holds meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The responsibilities of the Board of Health continue to be all encompassing and ever expanding.

It is our responsibility to enforce all public health regulations related to the State Sanitary Health Codes, State and Federal, and enforce any local regulations promulgated by the Board of Health members.

The main issues we deal with on a day-to-day basis include septic design and installations, housing complaints, trash and nuisance complaints, food establishment, odor and noise complaints and beach water quality. We also investigate rabies issues, asbestos concerns, West Nile Virus concerns and issue burial permits. The board also conducts Health Clinics in conjunction with the Visiting Nurses. We issue licenses for all installers, well permits, camp permits and answer other issues remotely connected to public health, issue Tobacco Licenses, and conducts compliance checks on establishments that sell tobacco products.

While conducting home inspections I have noticed an alarming increase of "bed bug" complaints. Bed bugs are transported from infested area to non-infested areas when they cling onto someone's clothing or crawl into luggage, furniture or bedding that is then brought into homes. Bed bugs are small insects that feed on the blood of mammals and birds. Typically, the bite is painless and rarely awakens a sleeping person. However, it can produce large, itchy welts on the skin. Although bed bugs may be a nuisance to people, they are not known to spread disease.

This year we have also noticed an increase of Lyme disease. Lyme disease is an infectious disease caused by bacteria that are spread by tiny infected ticks (specifically, deer ticks). Both people and animals can be infected with Lyme disease, which can be serious if it not treated, but not fatal.

The Board was faced with enforcing new regulations regarding Recreational Camps. They are soccer, baseball and all sport camps.

Once again the Board of Health sponsored the annual Flu Clinic, which was conducted by the Visiting Nurses Association of the Greater Milford-Northbridge area. In spite of confusion and shortages of the vaccine from the state, the Visiting Nurses did an outstanding job. The Board also sponsored a Flu Clinic for all the public safety personnel police and fire departments. The Board also sponsored an eye and wellness clinic in conjunction with the Hopedale Lions Club.

Because of the event of September 11, 2001, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts mandated that every town have a disaster plan in place. Health Agent Leonard A. Izzo has been attending various seminars to prepare for such an event should it occur. The Hopedale Board of Health has conducted a seminar for Smallpox, Anthrax, or Pandemic certification and training. This seminar was in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Presenters were Jane Anderson and Mary Conant, health educators, Division of Epidemiology and Immunization and Leonard A. Izzo, Health Agent. This certification was attended by Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists, and Medical Technicians (Fire and Police included). In conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health the Hopedale Board of Health has established an emergency site, which is the Hopedale High school, with the full cooperation of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patricia Ruane. Due to the location and accessibility it has been determined that this site is the best choice in the community.

Health Agent Leonard A. Izzo has secured numerous grants through the Region II Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition. An example was the grant of two defibrillators. One was set up at the Hopedale Town Hall. The second was given to the senior center at the community house. With the cooperation of the fire department, training and certification was conducted for the town hall personnel.

The State court system overturned the prohibition on body art in Massachusetts. This board worked hard to promulgate regulations to regulate this new industry. We have had many inquiries. To this date the board has not issued any licenses.

The new Bathing Beach Regulations passed by the Department of Public Health once again effected our daily operations by requiring sampling to be increased from bi-weekly to weekly. Although the regulation was mandated by the State, no funds were made available to the various Boards of Health to assist with the increased testing. Additionally, a floor drain regulation was instituted as a preventive measure to preserve and protect the Town of Hopedale's drinking water resources from discharges of pollutants to the ground in floor drains.

As you can see the Board of Health has to deal with a variety of complex issues. This office does its' ultimate to answer questions in a timely fashion, return calls quickly, and respond to resident complaints in an appropriate timeframe.

Everyone believes that his/her situation is of the ultimate importance, but unfortunately we are forced to prioritize on a daily basis. This office has only one employee on a daily basis. I make every effort to do my best to answer all questions and to resolve the problem and enforce the regulations we are empowered to administer.

Respectfully submitted:
Leonard A. Izzo Health Agent

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Office of:
Building Commissioner
Zoning Enforcement Officer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2007

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale, I hereby submit the report of the Building / Zoning Department for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007

The Building /Zoning Department consists of: Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer, Michael Tusino (dept. head); Electrical Inspector, Joseph Scanzaroli; Plumbing and Gas Inspector, John Fontana, and Assistant Building Inspector Michael Giampietro.

The Building Department is a part-time department which poses a constant challenge to keep up with the pace of construction throught town as well as provide quality service to the taxpayers. I believe that the Building Department staff continually exceeds this challenge and I thank them for this.

The Estimated cost of construction throughout town was $ 6,084,640.

The following is a breakdown of departmental activity:

Building Permits were issued as follows:

Single Family Dwellings	9	Residential Additions	16
Two Family Dwellings	0	Residential Renovations	42
Decks	9	Sheds	12
In Ground Pools	0	Above Ground Pools	3
Roofing	28	Wood Stoves	3
Garages	1	Signs	0
Certificate of Inspection	20	Tenant Fit-Up	4
Commercial Buildings	3	Commercial Addit. /Ren.	1

Building Inspections:	253	Building Permits:	151	Permit Fees:	$47,132.52
Electrical Inspections:	210	Electrical Permits:	147	Permit Fees:	$10,272.00
Plumbing Inspections:	131	Plumbing Permits:	50	Permit Fees:	$4,017.00
Gas Inspections:	48	Gas Permit:	63	Permit Fees:	$2,366.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Tusino

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Building Commissioner/
Zoning Enforcement Officer

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Board of Registrars
Joseph Drugan
Robert Hammond
Janet Jacaruso, Clerk

June 30, 2007

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale:

As fiscal year 2007 ends, I am pleased to submit this report of activity pertaining to the Clerk's Office and the Board of Registrars. During the 2006 calendar year the following events were registered locally and with the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics: fifty-five (55) births, forty-seven (47) deaths and twenty-five (25) marriages.

Senior Tax Credit participants Dr. Florence Ames, Mrs. Claire Finigan, and Mrs. Claire Turner worked diligently throughout the year. Not only did they complete their required hours, they generously volunteered numerous additional hours that ensured the smooth running of this office. Both the Town and I are fortunate to have among us such dedicated, valuable and caring citizens.

Mrs. Dorothy Milanoski, Board of Registrars' Chair, submitted her resignation this year. Dottie was always available to solve problems, organize meetings and sign-off on elections in a truly professional manner. We will miss her knowledge, her positive outlook and her beautiful smile. We wish her the best in sunny Florida!

Two Special Town Meetings and the Annual Town Meeting were conducted during FY2007. The Annual Town Election was held in May. The State Primary and Election, which were contested in the fall, were well attended. Attorney John Fernandes challenged longtime State Representative Marie Parente for the Democratic nomination. Hopedale resident Robert Burns contended for the seat as the Republican nominee. Minutes and election results are published elsewhere in this report.

I am happy to continue to serve this wonderful and unique community. I thank the voters who supported me this year in my reelection bid. As I begin my second term I, again, ask for your comments and suggestions in order to continue improving the operation of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Orff Jacaruso

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Annual Report
July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

During the past year, the Council on Aging (COA) achieved two long-term objectives; the implementation of a town-wide Special Needs Emergency Management Database and the addition of a part-time Senior Center Outreach Worker. Both the Database and the Outreach Worker enable the Council on Aging to enhance the delivery of services and information to Hopedale's senior population.

Hopedale's Special Needs Database is a COA-based collaboration with Hopedale's Emergency Management Agency and the Board of Health. The project grew out of a long-standing informal process of gathering with the Fire Department and making well-check calls to Hopedale's most frail and ill residents during impending weather events. In 2005 The Council on Aging formalized the process by creating a fee-free program to which all residents could subscribe. Participants self-identify as individuals who could not self-shelter or self-evacuate during a weather-related or man-made emergency. In the event of an emergency, information about the affected special needs population will be immediately available to Emergency Management, enabling them to expedite appropriate targeted action for these residents. Currently, over fifty (50) residents have enrolled in the program.

With the addition of an Outreach Worker, the COA gains the ability to more effectively educate and assist Hopedale seniors and their families obtain access to resources and services. The Outreach Worker will assist with the management of the Special Needs Database. On a weekly basis, "well-check" calls to community seniors will be the primary responsibility of the Outreach Worker.

While we are pleased with this past year's accomplishments, we are disappointed with the lack of movement on the part of the Selectmen regarding the COA's predominant issue, identifying or earmarking a town-owned parcel of land which could serve as a future site for a senior center. Designating a site would be the first step in the process at which point, the COA could bring forward the issue for a vote at town meeting. The COA has suggested that a senior center feasibility study and subsequent construction could potentially be funded through a Community Development Block Grant. Again, even though the Selectmen are not currently in favor of this action, the COA plans to keep the topic open and work to build greater community consensus on the issue of a free standing senior center.

We continue to focus on our core service programs, local and out-of-town medical transportation, the delivery of meals through "The Meals on Wheels Program", enrollment in the federal Fuel Assistance program, health and prescription drug insurance counseling, podiatry and flu clinics and crisis assistance for elders and their caregivers. During the past year we serviced over four thousand (4,000) calls from seniors, their children and local aging agencies. Seniors calling our center seek information on transportation, healthcare insurance, Medicare, prescription drug insurance coverage, housing, real estate tax relief and caregiver support. We continue to support requests from adult children seeking information regarding services for their aging parents. The 2007 census places Hopedale's sixty (60) and older population at one thousand ninety (1,090).

The Council on Aging successfully collaborates with the Hopedale School Department and the town of Milford to provide errand and limited medical transportation services. We will enter our seventh (7) year of collaboration with the Milford COA and the Blackstone Valley Consortium of COAs to provide local and out of town medical transportation services to seniors. Transportation services remain the most critical of seniors' needs. In FY'2007 we provided one hundred thirty (130) trips (medical/local) for seniors with no means of transportation. The loss of a senior's ability to drive can have a devastating impact on the quality of their life. Hopedale seniors are disadvantaged by the absence of a regional or a convenient mass transportation system. Though there is much discussion in the legislature, there is no pending plan to address the systemic problem.

Our monthly activities range from programs which provide medical and legal information to those which are purely cultural or social. We provide opportunities for seniors to volunteer their time using their skills and talents either creating items for needy children or reading in the Public Schools. We continue our long-standing relationships and joint annual programming with the Hopedale Schools, Fire and Police and Board of Health Departments, the Girl Scouts and Draper Place, a local Assisted Living Facility. The Annual Senior Citizen Breakfast at the High School, winter and spring concerts with the Elementary School and the Veterans' Breakfast are anticipated events.

One of the means by which the COA and the town offer seniors opportunities to reduce their real estate taxes is through the Senior Tax Credit Program. FY'07 was the fourteenth (14) year of this highly successful program in which seniors age sixty (60) and over, who own property in Hopedale obtain a tax credit of $750.00 in exchange for one hundred and eleven (111) hours of work in various town departments. In FY'2007, the program had seventeen (17) participants. Hopedale benefits greatly from our senior employees. As in prior years, many who participate in the program go on to volunteer their services to the town long after the completion of their required hours.

The Council on Aging continues to function as the intake site for Hopedale residents seeking Federal Fuel Assistance. We are currently serving more non-elders than elders (out of a total of nine (9) applicants only two (2) were seniors). The people who seek our assistance are among the town's most indigent. We are the only town-wide human

service agency. Therefore, we not only address applicant's fuel needs but issues of food assistance and housing as well.

Lastly, I want to recognize the outstanding work of COA staff assistant, Tootsie Deletti and thank all our wonderful unpaid staff of sixty (60) volunteers. And finally, to all of the Council on Aging board members thank you for all your time and support.

The Council on Aging Board Members are:

Co-Chair	Patricia Johnson
Co-Chair	Edward Holland
Secretary	Nancilee Fuller
Members	
	Claudette Hughes
	Barbara Delphos
	Virginia Potty
	Julia Manning

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Mullen
Director

Hopedale Cultural Council
Annual Report 2006-2007

The Massachusetts Cultural Council allocated $4000.00 for local aid to the arts, humanities and interpretative sciences. The local council received 19 applications and awarded the following:
Hopedale Cultural Council - $800
John Root - $350
Hopedale Bancroft Library - $400
Blackstone Valley Heritage Homecoming $300
Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band – $500
Claflin Hill Music Performance Foundation – $500
Milford Performing Arts Center - $400
Greater Milford Ballet, The Nutcracker Ballet – $400
Audio Journal, Windows to the World –$250

Hopedale Cultural Council applied for, and was awarded, a grant from the Milford Cultural Council in the amount of $500 to be used for the annual Student Art Show costs.
The Town of Hopedale allocated $4000.00 to the Cultural Council, which enabled the Cultural Council to organize the Wednesday night summer band concerts. There were seven performances in the series, costing a total of $4200. The HCC paid the additional $200 over the allocation from the Town of Hopedale. Refreshment concessions were offered by local organizations.
The Annual Day in the Park festival was held on Saturday September 23rd, 2006 at the town park. Live music and entertainment, adult fine art show, craft booths and a one-mile road race for children, games and food concessions provided fun for all ages.
A scholarship of $300 was awarded to a graduating Hopedale High School student class of 2007.
HCC submitted photos to the Massachusetts cultural Council for posting on their on-line scrapbook. One of our photos was chosen which was taken at the Student Art Show.
HCC circulated a town wide survey as required by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.
The survey was distributed at the summer band concert series, town meeting, Day in the Park as well as being available at the Bancroft Library and the Hopedale Town Hall.
Results were documented and submitted to the Massachusetts Cultural Council.
The Student Art was held December 1, 2006 in conjunction with the Holiday Festivities being held at the Hopedale Community House. Students from Hopedale and the surrounding area submitted their work to this juried event.
Theatre trip to see "Riverdance" on June 26, 2006 and "The Rockettes"
December 19, 2006. Both trips were coordinated by the Hopedale Cultural Council and funded through the cost of the tickets and bus fee paid by those purchasing tickets.
Respectfully Submitted
Sally A. Decelles, LCC Secretary
November 13, 2007
Wilma Manning, Chairperson
Ellen Murphy, Treasurer
Joanne Andreotti, Virginia Larkin, Ann-Marie Lockwood, Ann Labrode, Kate Nolan,

October 24, 2007

To the Citizens of Hopedale:

The proposed budget for Fiscal 2007 (July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007), as outlined on the following pages, indicates a spending increase of approximately 7% over the prior year. On the revenue side, local and state funded receipts have increased slightly however new growth in real estate has declined dramatically.

Specific budget increases over the past year for our larger departments are as follows:

School Department:	7.20%	($637,000)
Police Department:	10,66%	($ 82,000)
Fire Department:	7.08%	($ 31,000)
Highway Department:	21.00%	($ 80,000)
Health Department:	10.76%	($ 47,000)
Town Government	7.93%	($ 62,000)
Library	4.86%	($ 10,000)

The increases in the budget expenditures represent increased labor costs, energy costs, waste management, and building and equipment maintenance.

During this fiscal year the Selectmen, along with the Finance Committee, have continued their negotiations for the sale of cell tower sites that sit atop a water tower. The use of the funds, which should approximate $550,000 are to be used to pay for the land adjacent to the High School which will be set aside for future use. The negotiations are expected to be completed during fiscal 2008.

Within this budget, $144,300 was voted to be removed from the stabilization fund to acquire additional capital equipment and fund a portion of a Master Plan. The Selectmen have approved the creation of a Town wide Master Plan that will be utilized as a management tool in future years. It is viewed by the Finance Committee as an essential need for the town.

Along with supporting a town wide master plan, a long term planning committee has been formed with key participants from the town and the state. This committee will take the lead in reviewing and implementing the Master Plan on an ongoing basis. Within this planning process, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue will perform a management study of the town and make recommendations regarding the organizational structure that is currently in place.

During this fiscal year Fire Station renovations were completed and the debt for this project and for the GIS Stormwater Management Program has been secured at a favorable rate.

The town is in a reasonable fiscal position. It has a good bond rating which allows borrowing at lower rates and its savings account balance is adequate. In order to sustain this position, it is necessary for all expenditures to be carefully considered. The town has already adopted a self-insured health benefit plan that is intended to stabilize the increases in health insurance costs. Other areas of savings such as collaborative purchasing are also being pursued. Grant opportunities are another area that we are encouraging town departments to take advantage of.

It will also be important to look for and consider additional, new and creative sources of revenue. This includes exploring commercial property development. To the extent that revenue provided from the State does not meet the needs of the town, new local sources of revenue must be obtained. There are substantial capital needs that the town will face in the future including renovations at the Town Hall. These needs cannot be addressed without a revenue source.

The Finance Committee is confident that the future can be financially stable for the taxpayers in Hopedale. By maintaining budget levels that include slow growth, our fiscal future can be manageable.

Hopedale Fire Department

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2007

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Hopedale Fire Department hereby submits its Annual Report for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. This report includes fire and emergency medical service (EMS) responses for calendar year 2006 as well as the activities of the fire prevention office for Fiscal Year 2007.

Emergency Responses

The fire department responded to 1,179 emergency calls during the year. This represents a slight increase over 2005 with EMS responses remaining constant at around 800 per year. Fire loss dropped dramatically during 2006 with the highest single loss occurring at a house fire at 258 South Main Street. The $40,000 fire broke out as the residents were retiring to bed and hard work by the fire department saved the structure but a difficult overhaul required considerable fire operations damage. The cause was faulty chimney construction. An alert Hopedale Highway Department worker noticed smoke coming from the rear of a house located at 35 Mill Street. His actions probably saved considerable damage to the structure as no one was home at the time. The house had just been remodeled and careless disposal of smoking materials was the cause. The most serious fire incident to occur in town during the year was a structure fire that broke out in the 1880 wing of the former Draper plant. Workers had been using saws to salvage copper and the sparks smoldered for several hours before igniting the old floorboards. An alert worker in the plant noticed heavy smoke coming from the third floor and a call was placed to the fire department. While a large hole burned through to the floor below, firefighters were able to confine the blaze utilizing thermal imaging technology to see through the heavy smoke conditions. One firefighter was slightly injured and three employees were treated were treated at the scene for smoke inhalation. Two additional civilians received burn related injuries during the year, all were minor in nature, and no civilians died as a result of fire injuries. This was the fourth year in a row that no civilians have been killed by fire.

Personnel

We have developed a New Member Orientation Program that tracks a new member's training history and progression through the orientation process. This process can take up to three years for Substitute Call Firefighters. Prior to appointment to Call Firefighter status personnel must meet a set of minimum standards. Accountability of the individual is an important underlying theme for the program. All new personnel now participate in an orientation program developed by Thomas Daige.

Our Call Firefighter ranks continue to grow stronger with twenty-six Substitute or regular Call Firefighters. There are also six full-time Firefighters plus the Fire Chief. This is the highest number of members that we have ever realized as a Department.

- ***Emergency Responses***

EMS responses: 797 (4% decrease from calendar year 2005)
Fire responses: 382 (14% increase from calendar year 2004)
Total Responses 2006: 1,179 (<1% increase from 2005)
Mutual Aid Responses: 25 Received from other communities
129 Given to other communities (includes ambulance)

- ***Fire Prevention Office***

Permits issued: 418 (400 in 2005)
Associated activities: 1066 (1032 in 2005)
>includes investigation of complaints, violations issued, fire drills conducted, fire alarm tests, building inspections, building plan reviews, fire safety classes, etc.

- ***Fees Collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer FY2007***

Fire Prevention Office: $3,715.00 ($4,497.00 in FY2006)
Hazardous Materials Incident Reimbursements: $ 0 ($0 in FY2006)
Fire Incident Reimbursement: $100.00 ($385.15 in FY2006)
Fire Alarm Service Fee Collected: $5,550.00 ($4,500 in FY2006)
Ambulance transportation receipts: $227,061.68 ($187,078.10 in FY2006)

Total Fees Turned Over to the Town: $236,426.68 ($196,433.25 in FY2006)

- ***Expenses of the Ambulance Service FY2007***

Ambulance Service ALS Expense and Billing Fee: $15,992.13 ($10,940.92 in FY2006)
Ambulance Service Expense FY2007: $125,580.02

Total Ambulance Service Expense: $142,172.15

Net Gain Ambulance Revenue: $94,254.50

- ***Federal Disaster Reimbursement:*** **$0 (no damage resulted from flooding of April 2006)**

- ***Grants Received:***

Mass. Firefighter Safety & Equipment: $5,300

Central Mass. Regional Planning Council: Under U.S. Department of Homeland Security (CEDAP): awarded crime prevention equipment $9,200

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Fire Act Grant: pending

***Total Grant Awards FY2006*: $14,800**

Total General Donations of Equipment and In-Kind Services: **$9,400**

EMS Service

The EMS service provided 797 emergency ambulance responses during calendar year 2006. Advanced Life Support agencies proving paramedic service to our town included the Town of Mendon Fire Department, American Medical Response (AMR), and Pathways ambulance service. Our EMS system continues to provide excellent service to the community with a response rate of one to three minutes. Hopedale EMS provides the services of a Type III Class 1 modular ambulance purchased in 2001 through the collection of ambulance fees. We believe that over-lapping emergency calls now justify the purchase of a second ambulance for the town. We hope this can be accomplished during FY2008. Ambulance revenue increased by $40,000 from that of Fiscal Year 2006. It is estimated that the ambulance service should continue to operate in the black for the next five years or so.

Goals of the Fire Department for the Coming Years

We continue to receive excellent candidates to serve as Call firefighters. Recently we able to add to our staff the services of two experienced emergency medical technicians. Our training division is second to none for a Department of our size. We would like to explore the acquisition of land to construct a fire training tower and confined space rescue module. Through proper planning and utilization of the ambulance account we should be able to offset the cost of additional full-time personnel to meet the demands upon our service. We would like to explore the opportunity to improve our level of emergency medical services to the Advanced Life Support Licensure. It is our goal to add a minimum of one full-time Firefighter/EMT or expand the position of Deputy Chief from vacant to full-time. We would also like to enhance our inspectional services by adding the ability for us to cite individuals and companies for fire prevention violations. This can be accomplished by the appointment of a Public Hearing Officer and the issuance of a ticket book to the Fire Inspector. We may be able to accomplish this be jointly appointing a qualified individual with another town.

Acknowledgements

On behalf of all the members of the Hopedale Fire Department we would like to take this opportunity to thank the various Boards, Commissions, and other town departments that we have worked with over the past year. The positive relationship between all departments is a true asset to the community. Of course, we also wish to recognize and thank the citizens of Hopedale for their ongoing support and the financial backing of our Department. Because you continue to believe in us we are able to bring top-level emergency service to you and your loved ones.

Please visit our active website at www.hopedalefire.com

Respectfully submitted,

Scott D. Garland
Fire Chief

Hopedale Fire Department Roster 2006-2007

Scott D. Garland, Fire Chief

(Vacant), Deputy Chief of Operations

Thomas M. Daige, EMS Director

Reverend Christopher Dodge, Chaplain

Jay Appell, Videographer

Permanent Firefighter/EMT's

Paul A. Barry
David J. McMorrow
Ryan T. Jenkins
Thomas M. Daige
Richard J. Gleason, Jr.
Leslie N. Fosburgh, Jr.

Call Firefighters

Vernon D. Gross, Captain/EMT

Engine Company #4

Daniel H. Lopez, Lieutenant/EMT
Mark Marcotte, Private
Rob Minichiello, Private

Engine Company #3

Harold V. Murphy, Acting Lt./EMT
Michael Goncalves, Private
Joseph Avellino, Private/EMT
Derek Murdock, Private
Peter Ballou, Substitute Firefighter

Ladder Company #1

Thomas Betschart, Firefighter/EMT
Michael Tarella, Firefighter/EMT
Michael Ciaramicoli, Private
Teddy Wagner, Substitute Firefighter
Timothy Gomes, Substitute Firefighter
Jeffrey Alger, Substitute Firefighter
Mark Griffith, Substitute Firefighter
Michael Malnati, Substitute Firefighter
Nina Iacovelli, Substitute Firefighter
Patricia Diamond, Sub. Firefighter/EM
Raymond Fitzgerald, Substitute Firefighter
Joshua Murdock, Substitute Firefighter

Apparatus Inventory of the Hopedale Fire Department

Engine 2: 2002 Emergency One 1,500 gallon per minute pumping fire engine with 1,000 gallons of water and Class A and Class B foam units in very good condition

Engine 3: 1993 Pierce Freightliner 1,250 gallon per minute pumping fire engine with 720 gallons of water and Class A foam unit in good condition

Engine 4: 1987 Maxim 1,000 gallon per minute pumping fire engine with 700 gallons of water, Class A foam, in good condition

Ladder 1: 2007 Pierce 100 foot aerial truck in excellent condition

Rescue 1: 1994 E.J. Murphy Ford Super Duty light duty all-wheel drive rescue truck in fair condition (sold in 2007)

Tanker 1: 1975 General military surplus all-wheel drive tanker containing 1,200 gallons of water in fair condition

Tanker 2: 2006 Rosenbaur Freightliner 1,250 gallon per minute pumping engine with 3,000 gallons of water in very good condition

Ambulance 1: 2001 Wheeled Coach Ford E450 Type III modular ambulance in good condition

Brush 1: 2002 Fire One Ford F350 all-wheel drive forest firefighting pumping engine with Class A foam and 175 gallons of water in very good condition

Brush 2: 1978 Dodge 4X4 pick-up in fair condition

Car 1: 2000 Ford Expedition with Odyssey command console and thermal imaging receiver in good condition

Boat 1: 2002 Zodiac 10'2" rubber inflatable bottom boat with 9.9 Mercury motor in very good condition

All Hazards Unit: 2003 17' Limberger utility trailer in very good condition

Hopedale Historical Commission
and Red Shop Committee
2007 Annual Report

The focus of the Historical Commission and the Red Shop Committee has been the restoration of the "Little Red Shop". The Red Shop Committee reports that the project will be started in late Summer of 2007. The architect and the contractor have been chosen for the project. Chenot Associates of Princeton and Whipple Construction of Worcester are the respective architects and contractors.

The Historical Commission has been requested to submit the South Hopedale Cemetery to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Massachusetts Historical Commission is planning to send a consultant to review the area suggested for the district during the summer.

As reported last year, "Digital Treasures" is a website developed by the CWMars Library Network as a means to display some of the historic photos of town throughout central and western Massachusetts. Access is through the town website http://www.hopedale-ma.gov/Public_Documents/HopedaleMA_Library and click on Digital Treasures or via Dan Malloy's web site http://www.geocities.com/daninhopedale/.

This year through a grant from the Central (MA) Regional Library System, we were able to add more digitized information to the web site. Volume 1 of "The Practical Christian" and several issues of "Cotton Chats" were digitized and available to view through links on the library web site (see above).

The Historical Commission members continue to work closely with the JHC Blackstone Valley Heritage Corridor and receive support for the Heritage Landscape Project. Dan and Elaine Malloy are the coordinators for that project.

Many thanks go to the Friends of Historic Hopedale for their unending support, time and generous donations to the Red Shop Restoration project. Without their assistance we would not be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel and accomplish the restoration. A very special thanks to our newest member, Tom McGovern, for his hard work in developing a long range plan for the Little Red Shop Museum and the contacts he has made to help us to reach our goal. Thanks also to Phil Shwachman of First American Realty for providing storage space for the looms during the restoration project. We hope next year to report that the Little Red Shop project has been completed and the museum is open for business! The successful completion of this project will be the result of many hours of hard work from many individuals and businesses; we are grateful for everyone's assistance and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Merrily Sparling, Chair*
Alan Ryan
Elaine Malloy**
Robert "Zeke" Hammond
Thomas McGovern*
*Red Shop Committee
**Little Red Shop Museum Curators

Frederick Oldfield III, Secretary
Theresa Ryan
Daniel Malloy**
William B. Gannett*

REPORT FOR THE HOPEDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY
FOR THE YEAR 2007

The annual meeting of the Authority was held on May 14, 2007; the following were elected or appointed to office:

Karen Villani	Chairman
Paula Malloy	Vice Chairman
Ellen Murphy	Treasurer
Louis Trevani	Asst. Treasurer
*Edith Francis	Asst. Secretary
Katherine E. Consigli	Executive Director and Secretary

*State Appointee

The Housing for Elderly, Project 667-1 and 667-2, known as Griffin-Dennett Apartments, consist of eighty apartments and is managed according to the regulations set forth by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Authority meets on the second Monday of each month and the annual meeting is usually held on the second, Monday in May. The Authority held ten regular meetings to date.

The Authority, has repaired and repainted all the steps in the Griffin Buildings, the wood on the porch benches have been replaced with a maintenance free lumber, deck flooring on two of the Griffin upstairs porches were completed this year. The construction of a two car garage is underway. This winter the Authority will be assisted by the Worcester County Sheriff's Office with the painting of the Griffin Hallways, this is the first time the Authority has collaborated with the Sheriff's Office. The property is continual maintained and upgraded, throughout the year to insure a safe and healthy environment for all of its tenants.

There is a current waiting list and local residents are given preference according to regulations.

Respectfully Submitted
Katherine E. Consigli
Executive Director

Bancroft Memorial Library
Annual Report of the Library Trustees
FY2007

The "Pet Parade" finale of the first town wide book discussion was a great deal of fun. After reading "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night time" by Mark Haddon, the 7th grade students at the jr/sr high school organized a "Pet Parade" under the direction of their class advisor, Mr. Evans. The event was held at "The Ledges" thanks to the hospitality of the Arone family. Judges for the event included 7th grade students, town officials, and residents of "The Ledges". It was a very colorful event with many well behaved and unusual pets and their people.

"To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee was the title chosen for the second town wide book discussion. Discussions were held in the library and by book groups throughout the town. The movie based on the novel was also very popular with patrons and private viewings were held in patron homes.

The Children's Room has developed a reputation for fine programs and story hours for the children of Hopedale. Three sessions of story hours are held throughout the year, in the Fall, Winter and Spring. The Summer reading program attracts over 150 children from preschool to junior high school. Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Hopedale Library, entertainers provide programs for the children as well as for the adults.

The library maintains a very busy calendar with monthly meetings of the Hopedale Historical Commission and Red Shop committees, the Friends of the Hopedale Library and the weekly "Knovel Knitters". The Library Trustees meet monthly throughout the year as well.

Patrons are continuing to enjoy having the library open on Friday afternoons thanks to the use of Library State Aid funds. More than 250 patrons use the library weekly throughout the year. The Bancroft Memorial Library has been busier than usual at times during the past year as our colleagues at the Milford Town Library renovate their building. Closed during part of the year for moving and renovations, the Hopedale library hosted Milford patrons and provided passes to their residents from their own pass program. Our staff is pleased to be of assistance to our neighboring community and hope that many will continue to visit Hopedale's beautiful library.

Building maintenance issues have cropped up this year with some problems with our A/C unit and the damage to ceiling plaster. It wasn't bad enough that the ceiling cracked once from water leakage but the second event actually brought the ceiling down. Better access the A/C unit with a newly installed door will alleviate any future problems.

The Statue of Hope annual maintenance and repairs have enhanced the appearance and longevity of this special sculpture on the library grounds. The work has now enabled the fountain to be turned on for special occasions. Thanks to Louise Freedman and her assistants for keeping the statue in good order.

The Library has been awarded several grants during the FY07 fiscal year. A grant from the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System (CMRLS) for $1500 allowed additional items to be added to the "Digital Treasures" web site. The first volume of "The Practical Christian" by Adin Ballou was added and later during the year, about 50

pamphlets of "Cotton Chats" was added. These items are now available for anyone interested in seeing these special items. Previously these items were only available in house at the library to researchers who had special knowledge of the Hopedale history collection. Now they are available world wide and based on the statistics, Hopedale's "Digital Treasures" get a lot of "hits" on the web. http://dlib.cwmars.org/

The Hopedale Cultural Council awarded the Bancroft Memorial Library a grant to purchase passes to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. This is added to the other passes available to Hopedale residents thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Hopedale Library and the Hopedale Foundation. The pass programs allow our patrons to visit area attractions at reduced fees or free admission for up to 4 individuals depending on the pass. The pass program provides considerable savings for parents wishing to have the children exposed to cultural sites in Massachusetts.

In June the library received news that they had been awarded a Planning & Design Grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). This grant, when matched with municipal funds, will allow the library to conduct an extensive feasibility study of the facility and the services provided by the library. The grant of $40,000 and the municipal funds of $20,000 will provide for outside consultants to review the facility, the services, the programs and staffing for the library of the Town of Hopedale. This assessment will provide guidance to the Trustees and Director on how the current facility is meeting the needs of the residents of the Town of Hopedale. When the library was built in 1898 the population of Hopedale was a little over 1,000 residents. The current population is over 6,000.

Some of the latest trends in technology are finding their way to Hopedale residents via the library. "Playaways", unabridged books on a small device about the size of a deck of cards, are the newest technology to be a part of the collection. These items require only a set of "ear buds" and a "AAA" battery to listen to an entire book without any other devices. Other forms of technology are also available through the CWMars network include e-books and audio books you can download. Video downloads are also possible to your own PC.

Many of the new technologies are provided to the libraries of Central and Western Massachusetts through their membership in the CWMars network. The seamless access to collections in all the area libraries benefits all patrons whether in large or small communities. The technical assistance provided by the network is a great advantage to small libraries that do not have staff to manage the equipment. This is provided at a very reasonable membership fee.

Finally a great deal of thanks to all the staff, volunteers, Friends and Trustees who put in so much of their own time and effort to provide assistance, funds and needed projects to the Bancroft Memorial Library. Thanks, we couldn't do it without you!

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine M. Wright, Chair of Library Trustees
Frederick G. Oldfield III
Nancy Verdolino

1899 Hopedale Park Commission 2007

"Preserving the Legacy" Susan Kincaid, Chairwoman / Rich Breese/ Rick Espanet **"Embracing the Future"**
Park Superintendent: Mark Sesona

Elected Stewards for:, Hopedale Pond & Parklands, Town Park, Mellen Field, Adin Ballou Park, Adin Street Triangle
Member: Massachusetts Park & Recreation Association

Meetings: First Thursday of each Month, 6:30 PM, Town Hall, Draper Room
HDTV Broadcast live on Cable Channel 8
On-line office: http://www.hopedale-ma.gov

108th Year, 96th Annual Town Report

October 2006 – October 2007

The Commission continues to maximize budgeted Town funds and usage/maintenance fees to improve, maintain, and protect our parks, playfields and open spaces for the greater good and enjoyment of the community at large.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Spring Election:** Residents re-elected Rick Espanet for a 5th consecutive three-year term. The Board named Susan Kincaid - Chairwoman, Rich Breese - Recording Secretary, and Rick Espanet -Treasurer.
- **In-Town youth sports league fees standardized.** Following a year of fact-finding and open meeting discussions, the Board unanimously voted to adopt a standardized, long-term, headcount-based fee structure for the in-town, youth softball and baseball leagues utilizing Town Park and Mellen Field playfields:
  - League Usage Fee: Resident: $8 per registration / Non-resident: $12 per registration
  - Field Mx (if desired): Resident: $5 per registration / Non-resident: $ 8 per registration

  The Park Department also receives annual, flat fees from:
  - Milford/Hopedale Youth Soccer Association ($2500 for Mellen Field use)
  - Hopedale School Department. $3000 for Town Park and Mellen Field Maintenance support.
- **Field Commercialization.** The Board had multiple, lengthy, discussions over how to best-handle repeated requests – predominately from a local, private business - to both utilize Town Park and Mellen Field playfields to conduct commercial sports clinics, as well as to use Town Park as a home base for commercial league practices and games. Options under consideration range from allowing this type of activity on a limited basis at a substantial per-use rate; to placing a moratorium on any and all commercial sports activities at all Park facilities. A final decision will reached in late fall 2007.

TOWN POND/PARKLANDS

- **Progress made to control Canada geese population.** By combining controlled hunting with egg addling, the Commission reached its initial goal of reducing the 2006 resident flock of 120+ by half. The resulting reduction in the amount of geese droppings fouling the shoreline around the Bath House helped bring people back to the waterfront area to enjoy fishing, picnicking, kayaking, etc. Select, controlled hunts took place during the fall and winter months, and the first MSPCA-sponsored egg addling effort yielded positive results in the spring. With less than 30 Canada geese seen inhabiting the Pond in the fall of 2007, the Board has suspended the hunting program until further notice. Egg addling will continue in

earnest during the spring of 2008 and beyond. Anyone wishing to volunteer is urged to contact residents Walter and Beverly Swift.

- **Summer kayak rentals added at Bath House:** Plans to expand our trial agreement with Still River Outfitters from one day a week to three or four, failed to materialize – primarily due to staffing issues. Rentals were actually offered on fewer days than in 2006. Feedback and Town support for this offering has been extremely positive; however, the Board agreed that for it to be successful a consistent schedule supported by adequate staff will be needed. To that end, the Park Department will investigate the feasibility of purchasing kayaks and hiring seasonal personnel to run its own rental program from the Bath House. Still River Outfitters would support this effort by helping help us purchase kayaks at a reduced cost, and offering certified training for our personnel.
- **Fair winter skating conditions:** Record December warmth delayed ice-in significantly; however, old man winter eventually provided a couple of beautiful weekends in January and February for skating which drew large crowds to Hopedale Pond. Conditions were especially favorable for ice fishermen with several reports of bass in the 4-7 lb range being taken. The refurbished lights around the lower Pond were used for a total of 12 nights. Residents are reminded that going out on Pond ice at any time can be dangerous, and doing so is always at their own risk. Ice-out this year was Sunday, April 1 (with a partial re-freeze April 5-7!)
- **Stone Bench added.** An engraved stone bench was donated by Lynne Castiglioni and family in remembrance of her brother Richard Macchi, who passed away on July 4th, 2007. Mr. Macchi loved the parklands and fishing along the banks of Hopedale Pond, and the bench was situated above the town beach area in a location that overlooks a vista of both.

MELLEN FIELD

- **Administrative ownership formalized.** In November 2006, the Board unanimously accepted a notarized a letter from the Conservation Commission granting Parks "authority to control the administration, maintenance, and use of Mellen Field, while the land itself will remain Conservation land versus Parkland." This housekeeping matter formalized Park Department stewardship of the facility that had been in-place for nearly 35 years.
- **Drainage issue addressed.** Late summer/early fall drought conditions provided favorable conditions for our Park Superintendent Mark Sesona and Highway Department personnel to sink a 10' deep by 6' wide dry well off the northwest side of the parking lot to help address flooding caused by spring runoff and heavy rains, which was impacting the dugout and field area of the first softball field. The well sits below a layer of hard clay in a sandy-soil bed, surrounded by 10 tons of crushed stone. Initial results look promising as following a few rainfalls, no standing water was observed. The big test will come in spring 2008.

TOWN PARK

- **Summer Program.**
  - Our 10 week Park summer program once again provided low-cost arts & crafts, free games and sports equipment, and supervised field trips to Town youngsters. Trips were made to the Douglas Waterslides the movies, and the Edgewater Swim & Tennis Club. Activities this season were overseen by full-time staffers Molly Burt, Rebecca Schulman, and Lindsey Breese, assisted by Sarah Labrode. Molly once again provided field hockey clinics and a conditioning program, assisted by her sister Lindsey.
  - Our summer tennis program has enjoyed seven years of consecutive growth under the tutelage of Barry Gorman. What began on one court with 8 kids participating 3 mornings a week, now encompasses two to three courts for full weekdays with an overall enrollment of 260 kids and adults spread out through 24 classes (averaging nearly 11 participants per class). Assisting Barry this season were volunteers Kevin Espanet (3rd yr), Katherine Englund (2nd yr) and Brian Rossacci (1st yr). We are pleased to be notified that the tennis program will be nominated for the USTA Parks and Recreation Tennis program of the year for New England! Congratulations to Barry and his staff for a job very well done!

- **Handicap-accessible picnic tables and pads.** Three more units were added next to each tennis court. An additional table and pad was also added to the left of the Bandstand.
- **New rides**. A toddler spring-ride and teeter-totter were added inside the playground area.
- **Shuffleboard Court refurbished.** Commissioner Rich Breese and Supt. Mark Sesona worked to resurface the shuffleboard court. This popular game should make a comeback at the Park in 2008.
- **Bubbler replaced.** After some initial problems with the water line, the 22 yr. old bubbler at the Park Ballfield was replaced by a newer model of the same brand.
- **Tree Removal.** Several old, diseased trees around the perimeter of Town Park were removed by at no cost to the Town. Mark Sesona and Rick Espanet coordinated this effort with a certified arborist from N-Star, and will continue working with the utility to oversee the planting of suitable replacement trees. All trees in the Park were evaluated and those remaining were determined to be healthy.
- **Orwell arrives at Town Park.** Utilizing a 100% Homeland Security grant, the Board agreed to Fire Chief Garland's request to install a 7X24 hr surveillance camera at Town Park. The camera takes live, panoramic shots of the Park, and is monitored at the Fire Station.
- **Park Stone Wall Replacement.** Replacement of the Park stone wall along Northrup and Dutcher Streets was a long-term project; however, unexpected road and sidewalk replacement along Northrup St. this summer forced us to remove part of the wall and begin reconstruction ahead of schedule. Original wall stones – mined when the Park was created in 1900 - were moved to the Parklands where they will be stored and broken into smaller pieces for use in the new Park wall. Recycling this material will save several thousands of dollars over the life of the project. To date, 40' of wall from the Northrup St. entrance heading up the hill has been rebuilt. The Commission is hoping to receive Town funding to at least complete the entire Northrup St. Side (if not the Dutcher St. side as well)–by summer 2008.

AD-HOC SUBCOMITTES

- **HARFC** (Hopedale Athletic and Recreational Fields Committee)
  http://www.hopedale-ma.gov/Public_Documents/HopedaleMA_Parks/harfc
  While he Committee met infrequently in 2007, it did recommend utilizing available, appropriated Town Meeting funds to have Camp, Dresser & McKee perform an initial site usage assessment of Harmony Lot 1-A. The results were presented at the June Town Meeting. This lot is deeded to the Park Department and will be turned over to the Town once Eastland Partners finishes site clean-up and vacates the site. Due to encroaching wetlands it was determined that this lot would be able to support the creation of a large baseball field overlapped with a large soccer/field hockey/lacrosse field, a small playground, a walking path, and a cold storage building for the Highway Dept. Unfortunately, the lot is not large enough to accommodate an outdoor track or additional little league fields– both a primary needs identified by the committee.
- **Open Space Plan**
  http://www.hopedale-ma.gov/Public_Documents/HopedaleMA_Parks/osp
  A formal draft of the Open Space Plan was forwarded to the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission in October 2007. Upon review by the CMRPC, the draft will be circulated to all Town boards for final review in November 2007, and formally submitted for State approval in December 2007. The plan will be in effect from 2008 to 2012.

2007 COMPLETED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Standardize Field Usage/Services Fees with in-town youth leagues.
- Complete Open Space Plan draft for approval.
- Quad-annual full weed treatment of Hopedale Pond– Rustic Bridge to Freedom St.
- Begin site analysis for Harmony Lot 1A development

2008 PROJECTED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Reach a final determination on commercial use of Park playfields.

- Create a Town-supported kayak rental program at the bath house. Expand to 3-4 days a week
- Upgrade and improve electrical service at Town Park Bandstand
- Refurbish Town Park dugouts.
- Explore options for expanding playfields at Mellen Field.
- Transition ownership of ad-hoc HARFC field search committee to the School Department

KUDOS& SPECIAL THANKS

The day-to-day workings of the Park Department are managed by our part-time elected Board without the benefit of part or full time administrative staff that other Departments enjoy. We do our best to monitor and respond to voice and email questions in a timely manner, and are the only Board to maintain a virtual office on the Town website and keep it updated with the most current, accurate information related to our operations. We work behind the scenes on your behalf several hours a week, 52 weeks a year, to keep your Park facilities running safely and smoothly. Our Seasonal (March-Nov) Maintenance Supervisor Mark Sesona has done an excellent job for several years now overseeing care of our grounds and facilities. Mark works collaboratively with the Highway Department, and we greatly appreciate the outstanding assistance and cooperation of Highway Superintendent Bob DePonte and his staff.

Others in the public and private sector helping us help serve you this past year include: HPD, HFD; Linda Catanzariti; Town Hall office staff; Artie Maggiore; Tim Watson & Water Dept.staff; Gene Phillips; Janet Jacarusso; Lenny Izzo; Dr. Patricia Ruane; Rich Piergustavo; Nick Alexander –Norfolk Iron Works; Dan Molloy; Mr. & Mrs. Jack Farrar; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sweet; Nelson Clement – Brine Sporting Goods, Jerry Smith - Aquatic Control Technologies; Walter and Beverly Swift; Lynne Castiglione and family. We'd especially like to thank the residents of Hopedale for your continued trust and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Espanet
Park Commissioner
30, October 2007

Planning Board
74 Hopedale Street
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Annual Report for FY2007

Our regularly scheduled meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month in the Draper Room, Town Hall. In November, the Board reorganized with Howard Maurer being elected Chairman and Craig Travers was elected Vice Chairman. Both Howard and Catherine were also appointed to the Draper Reuse committee and Carol was appointed to the Master Plan Committee.

The Board heard several applications for land division and amended plans. The Plain St. Industrial Park continues to grow and there is new business development along Hartford Ave. Plans were approved for a national franchise at Hartford Ave. and South Main St. with conditions tied to the redesign of the roadway intersection there. And a 4 lot residential subdivision was also approved at 187 Dutcher St.

Vice Chairman Travers retired in May after 29 years of membership, having given amply of his time and knowledge. Appreciation for his years of service was extended at a farewell reception attended by many fellow associates. Louis Costanza was elected at the Annual Election in May to fill the vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Maurer, Chairman
D. Craig Travers, V. Chairman (July - May 2007)
Catherine Pisacane, V. Chairman (May 2007)
Carol Whyte
Donna Hayres
Louis Costanza, (elected May 2007)

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Chief Of Police
Eugene P. Costanza

FISCAL 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of Hopedale, I hereby submit the Hopedale Police Department Annual Town Report.

Stats for this reporting year have varied. Overall calls for service have increased yet other categories decreased. Our present manpower has done it's best to handle the influx of calls.

The "911" system must be manned twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Civilian Public Safety Dispatchers are hired to perform this and numerous other tasks. It is a constant challenge to maintain part time dispatchers to fill open shifts. Therefore the overtime funding for dispatch is a constant concern.

During the course of the year, we held several events such as, the 14th Annual Hopedale Police and Fireman's Ball, a Children I.D. Program, a bicycle safety day, bicycle helmet program, trip to the Pawtucket Red Sox for resident families, Halloween parade and party for the children, along with the Police Union sponsoring a little league team.

The police department continued its philosophy of Community Policing and maintained the Officer on Bicycle/E.E.V. Patrol unit. As a result of the Community Policing Grant offered by the state, we are able to have a Harley Davidson Police Motorcycle available for patrol. The residents have seen the officers on their bikes, motorcycle and Golf Cart at various public events such as, band concerts, road races, parades, and at times on routine patrol in the area of the park, park lands, center of town and neighborhoods. This type of policing has given us a better way to interact with the residents and children in town. Once again I received a lot of positive feed back from the residents regarding this program, especially in the area of the town park.

The police department applied for and received two grants during the year. We received one grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety for $12,000.00 to continue our community-policing program. The second was through Homeland Security for equipment.

The equipment we received was geared more towards the fire side of public safety so we gave it all to them. We also received a $7,000.00 donation to assist us in building a police memorial. That project is still on going and our dedication date is fall of 2007.

Officer Gagnon continued to be our School Resource Officer. He will continue to work hand and hand with school personnel on a daily basis. To date the program has continued to be a huge success.

We continue to loose trained, loyal, and dedicated officers to other towns. Seems soon after we train them they leave here to go to other departments that pay much more than Hopedale. We have lost 17 officers over the past seven years due to the low pay scale. We must increase our police officers pay scale to stay competitive with other towns or we will continually be short staffed due to officers leaving. This past year we lost two officers to other towns. We hired Ken Belben and Marco Lima to replace them. Both of these new hires had to attend the full time police academy at a cost of $7,000.00 each.

We worked all year with just eleven of the twelve officers on staff. The Lieutenant was out the entire year as a result of an on the job injury and is in the process of retiring. Our hope is that this process will be wrapped up some time in February of 2008. Then we will be able to hire personnel so that we can get back to full staffing. The over time budget took a huge hit as a result of this and next year doesn't look as if it will be any better.

I want to thank the residents, Town Boards and Departments for their support and assistance. I look forward to working in unison with all parties during my tenure as Chief of Police. I especially want to extend my thanks to the members of the Hopedale Police Department. These men and women are a dedicated, sincere, and a loyal group of individuals whom have shown their support for me and always give 110%.

My intent was, and will always be, to maintain the demeanor of the Hopedale Police Department personnel in order to continue being a people's police department. As Chief of Police, I feel we have achieved this goal, along with maintaining our professional image, and always remembering we are here to protect, to serve, and to interact with the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eugene P. Costanza Jr.
Chief of Police

HOPEDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

FISCAL 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

TRAFFIC ACTIVITY	2006	2007		INCREASE / DECREASE	
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Accidents Responded Too	91	98		7.69%	
Total Number Of Parking Tickets Issued	164	274		67.07%	
Total Number Of Vehicles Towed	178	151			-17.88%
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Lockouts	28	41		46.43%	
Total Number Of Abandoned Vehicles	0	2		200.00%	
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Thefts	6	4			-33.33%
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Violation Stops	1696	1444			-14.86%
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	1351	1334			-1.26%
Total Number Of Written Warnings Issued	232	183			-21.12%
Total Number Of Hours Spent On Selective Enforcement	393	367			-6.62%
Total Number Of Hours Spent For School Resource Officer	230	230		0.00%	
Total Number Of Hours Spent On Preventative Patrolling	5914	6321		6.88%	
Total Number Of Hours Spent At Court	258	174			-48.28%
Total Number Of Hours Spent On Community Policing	243	280		13.21%	
Total Number Of Hours Assisting Other Agencies	230	246		6.50%	

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY					
Total Number Of Alarm Calls	225	232		3.11%	
Total Number Of Annoying Phone Calls	12	9			-33.33%
Total Number Of Burglary / Breaking & Entering	13	15		15.38%	
Total Number Of Summons Served / Delivered	66	125		89.39%	
Total Number Of Vandalism Calls	34	45		32.35%	
Total Number Of Missing Persons / Runaway / Juvenile	16	12			-33.33%
Total Number Of Property Checks Made	495	623		20.55%	
Total Number Of 911 Calls	126	973		87.05%	
Total Number Of Disturbance / Fight Calls	103	56			-83.93%
Total Number Of Animal Complaint Calls	157	162		3.09%	
Total Number Of Arrests	216	237		8.86%	
Total Number Of Officer Investigative Cases	2522	2431			-3.74%
Total Number Of Field Interviews	185	316		41.46%	
Total Number Of Calls For Service	19454	21647		10.13%	

Board of Road Commissioners
7 Depot Street
Hopedale, MA 01747

Annual Report FY2007

The Board of Road Commissioners meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the Highway Department Office located at 7 Depot St. The officers for the year were: John Farrar, Chairman, Joseph Sweet, Inspector and Eli Potty, Clerk.

Once again we faced a very productive year with minimal repair to equipment and the maintenance of roadways was contained within the Town Meeting budgeted amounts. Roadway maintenance includes many aspects, from the line painting of roadways and crosswalks, to weed control at roadway edges and sidewalk curbings, with street sweeping of debris, particularly after winter sanding and plowing, as well as catch basin cleaning, etc. We continue to assist the Park Department with maintenance issues, as well as other town departments as needed. Our leaf pick-up program continues to be successful with the aid of "Mother Nature" cooperating well into November, and roadway brush that impedes visibility is cut back to acceptable distances.

We oversaw the successful completion of Robertson Drive extension and recommended Town acceptance at the annual town meeting in June.

Our department removed and replaced 825' x 9' of concrete sidewalk along Hopedale Street that had been in poor condition. The new surface will be more conducive to enjoyable walking conditions.

Our major project of the year was the reconstruction of Northrop Street for a distance of 1,450' x 28' wide. We had to grind, grade and roll the entire distance and then hot topped it for a smooth finish. Included in the project was the removal of sidewalks on both sides of the street, which included some old cobblestones, for a distance of 2,790' and replaced with concrete on both sides of the roadway.

Our thanks go to the General Office staff for their continued assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

John Farrar, Chairman
Joseph Sweet
Eli Potty

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Lori Hampsch	**Term Expires 2009**
Elizabeth Lerner	**Term Expires 2009**
Richard Martin	**Term Expires 2010**
Justine Tonelli	**Term Expires 2010**

One Hundred Twenty-First Commencement of Hopedale High School
June 2, 2007

Michaela Marie Alexander
Jeffrey Robert Alger
Craig Patrick Allen*
Erika Michelle Apicella
Ryan Bradley Aquino
Michael John Arcudi
Thomas Michael Ballan
Kathryn Dorothy Benotti
Samuel Arthur Billings
Ashley Marie Brown
Vincent John Bucchino
Grace Alice Burberry-Martin*
Lindsey Joan Burt*
Jessica Lynne Bushnell*
Lauren Susanne Carroll
Melissa Ann Caulkins*
Jonathan Winslow Chase*
Sarah Kathleen Connors
Kimberly Gail Corvi*
Stefano Kegan D'Amico
Aaron James DePaolo
Melissa Marie Dewar
Caitlin Nicole Doane
Olga Marie Dos Ramos*
Ryan Joseph Elliott
Devon Thomas Roy Fox
Laura Leonidivna Frantsyk
Samantha Lynne Garner*
Joseph Warren Garramone
Keith Mark Geary
Christopher Richard Glenn
Harold Joseph Jarvis IV
Daniel Hugo Julian
Kaitlin Ellen Keating*
Sarah Ann Kelly
Matthew Joseph Kennelly*
Sarah Ann LaBrode*
Joseph Michael LeBlanc*
Sadie Elizabeth Ledoux
Daniel Garrett Main
Nicole Elizabeth Marcott
Alexander John Maret*
Marissa Nicole Martorano
Hannah Elizabeth Maurer*
Prithvi Ganesh Mavuri*
Ashley Lauren McGuane*
Gregory Joseph Meade
Ryan Christopher Merrill
Jeffrey David Moniz
Lauren Michelle Mossman
Lauren Elizabeth Peacock*
Zachary Richard Perkins
David Albert Petto
Gregory Thomas Phippard
Christine Kelly Quinlan
Kaitlin Michele Ropar
Jenna Marie Russell
Daniel Michael Schulman
Alicia Lyn Suenart
Kevin Martin Swain
Emily Anne Swan*
Sara Malia Tenenholtz*

Brian David Goss*
William David Hardiman
Tiffany Ann Hilditch
Jason Ross Huie*
Nina Marie Iacovelli
James George Iversen
Mark Alan Jackson
Cassandra Sade Trotta
Matthew James Turco
Teddy Robert Wagner
Marie May Whittaker
Carolynne Shea Williams
Patrick Lamar Winters
Sean Shintaro Yoshiola

***National Honor Society**

The Hopedale School Committee hereby approves this and the attached Report of the Superintendent of Schools as the Annual Report of the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Palmer-Howes, Chair
Hopedale School Committee

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR

The primary mission of the Hopedale Public Schools is to develop the intellectual potential of each student. We believe that every child can learn successfully. We are committed to developing a range of learning experiences and environments that will ensure this success. We want our young people to be happy and to be well prepared to meet their own needs and the needs of others as responsible members of society.

In addition to maintaining safe schools and learning environments, we have made strategic decisions to advance our mission and respond to unique challenges during the 2006-2007 school year. Here are the highlights:

COST SAVINGS MEASURES

The School Committee and Leadership Team continue to benefit from prior cost-savings measures, and implemented the following new strategies to build capacity for future savings:

- Regional Partnership Support: Thanks to a community outreach program sponsored by Worcester County Sheriff Guy Glodis, the School Department made arrangements to contract painting of the Jr.-Sr. High School through the Worcester County House of Corrections. This program eliminated out labor cost and freed up resident custodial employees for repair, installation, and small construction projects throughout our school buildings last summer. Interior corridors, which haven't been painted since the renovation in 2000, now look clean and well maintained. We hope to continue this partnership in future years.
- Local Partnership-Support: Acquisition of a Pediatric Defibrillator: The enrollment of a young child with a serious heart condition last spring prompted the School Department to work with the Hopedale Lions Club, which underwrote the purchase of a child-sized defibrillator. Additional partnership with the Hopedale Fire Department enabled key members of the staff at Memorial School to be trained in the use of this equipment.
- Introduction of PowerSchool Software: With the state and federal government requiring extensive data on both students and professional staff, the School Department shifted from an increasingly limited software product to a system that allows us to integrate data. This change will enable us to analyze performance, generate tailor-made reports, and improve school-to-home sharing of student information. We began training on this new system in Spring 2007, with an eye toward implementation during the 2007-08 school year. Over time, this system will enable us to meet increased data reporting needs while both conserving staff time and controlling the escalating cost of paper and mailing.

- Bridge Software to link School and Town Software: In the past, school and Town business offices selected different software products to track payroll and accounts, since no single product was appropriate to both. The result was a double entry of all payroll information. In FY07, School and Town Accountants researched a way to merge the two systems and thereby avoid the need for double data entry. This bridge is now in place.
- Joint Purchasing: Through our membership with TEC Collaborative, we saved money on energy and food costs in FY07. We will continue our electricity contract, add a natural gas contract for a 3-year period, and participate in a classroom and office supplies bid for FY09.
- Energy Efficiencies: We recognized $18,000 in electricity savings from a project on lighting with National Grid and acquired a fixed rate contract with them. These savings help offset increases in other maintenance line items, such that we project negligible increases in this account area for FY09.
- Capacity building to accommodate students with cochlear implants: Hopedale hosts students who are seriously hearing challenged at both the Memorial and Jr.-Sr. High Schools. In order to keep these students in our schools vs. private, out-of-district placements, we have strategically modified classrooms with requisite (and portable) wall panels and specialized ceiling tiles that muffle ambient noise and make it possible for these students to participate in learning, with the added support of a sound enhancement system. Spending money to modify our learning environment is an efficient use of limited resources.

INSTRUCTIONAL INITIATIVES

A. Bright Beginnings Center

Renovation of a storeroom enabled us to separate a preschool class from our Before and After School Daycare program, and give each program dedicated space. Renovations, building maintenance, and all student materials and programs housed at BBC are supported by parent fees. Space reallocation meant that all "fee-based" programs could be housed at this location – an especially important consideration, given space constraints at both BBC and Memorial School.

B. Memorial School

Strategically, work in Grades K-6 combined strong instructional leadership, intensive teacher training, intelligent use of people and technology resources, and the commitment and ingenuity of a talented staff. Here are the results:

- Mathematics – Grade 3-6 teachers invested considerable time and attention toward improving their ability to teach math concepts, through on-site graduate coursework and a year-long professional development focus led by Tom Plati, our Director of Curriculum, Assessment, and Technology (CAT Director). Teachers increased their own, and their students' joy and understanding of mathematics, added math learning time, extended math into literature study, and introduced technology tools to individualize student work toward mastery of basic computation facts. Results of our 2007 MCAS testing show a dramatic

increase in student performance. Whereas test results in 2003-05 showed 57% - 67% of our 4th graders in the bottom half of the state's grid, 65% of our 4th graders tested as "Proficient" or "Advanced" (top half) last spring. At Grade 3, 78% of our students tested in the top two categories, with only 1% (compared with the state's 16%) in the lowest or "Warning" category. The year ended with a meticulous curriculum mapping exercise for Grades 3 and 4, with the CAT Director and teachers sequencing essential topics, identifying and matching topics to literature and appropriate technology tools, and providing a pacing guide for use by all teachers at these grade levels.

- Phonics – Grade K-2 teachers worked under the leadership of Principal Scotti Finnegan to combine intensive training and implementation of a structured phonics program called "Fundations." Meanwhile, Reading support shifted to provide specialized assistance to struggling readers in Grades 1 and 2, and assistance to students in Grade 3 and above emphasized comprehension skills.

- Peak Intellectual Experience – Grade 3 teachers, with support from CAT Director Tom Plati and Librarian/Social Studies Coordinator Laurie Wodin, devised ingenious student projects that enabled students to demonstrate their learning about Hopedale History in a variety of exhibitions, including written documents, role plays, and replicas of historic buildings and places. Scale model replicas, on display at the Bancroft Library and featured in their newsletter, pushed the students to apply their math skills. A unique book of math problems, entitled Adin's Amazing Arithmetic, was published by two Grade 3 teachers, Amy Lane and Amanda Pomeroy. This book will enrich the study of Hopedale History and math for future generations of Hopedale students.

- Restructuring Program Delivery in Grade 5 and 6 – For 2006-2007, the Memorial School moved away from self-contained 5th grade classes and two separate 6th grade teams and developed a structure that is more departmentalized, so teachers can concentrate on developing excellent programs and instruction. This meant that all students in Grade 5 and 6 interacted with 3 or 4 content teachers (the exception was our combined Grade 4/5 class). This kind of structure prepares students for the transition to the Jr.-Sr. High School. It also guarantees consistent and significant learning time in all content areas. For example, a daily Grade 5 science class enabled Superintendent Patricia Ruane to work with student teams of newly trained weather "experts" in an independent, weekly enrichment activity of monitoring weather and predicting snow days between December and March. Students' MCAS science scores reflect both heightened interest and learning. In Grade 5, 73% of Hopedale students (vs. 51% statewide) tested in "Proficient" or "Advanced" categories for science. Whereas 7% of our students tested in the highest category between 2003-2005, 20% of our students are now testing at the highest level. This data affirms the importance of the changes we have made.

C. Junior-Senior High School

During the 2006-07 school year, the Jr.-Sr. High School strengthened innovations initiated in 2005-06, notably two Peak Intellectual Experiences – the Grade 9 Science Research Project, and the Grade 11 History/Speech Project. Additionally, our secondary staff worked on the following:

- Parent Communication – Each teacher in Gr. 7-12 now has a personal web page that enables students and parents to keep up to date on assignments and understand expectations. It is our intention to provide time during new teacher orientation each August to help new teachers initiate their website, so we have 100% participation in this outreach expectation.

- Implementation of New Social Studies Scope and Sequence – As a result of a year long effort to examine and revitalize our Social Studies curriculum, under the direction of Tom Plati, teachers did extensive curriculum planning to: modify Grade 7; map the Grade 8 curriculum, update electives, and introduce a two-year Global Studies sequence that begins in Grade 10 and incorporates the study of U.S. History in the context of other historical events around the world. Of necessity, this approach is thematic, rather than comprehensive.

- Advanced Placement Recertification – Hopedale offers a series of Advanced Placement classes for those students who want the additional challenge of a college level curriculum. These offerings make our students more competitive in the college application process. AP courses also make our schools attractive to students and families interested in joining our community through School Choice. Our AP teachers went through the rigorous process of recertification during 2006-07. This scrutiny, by the National Advanced Placement Board, required us to submit courses of study for review, as well as teacher credentials and training. All of our teachers and programs received positive review and recertification. Because Hopedale Jr.-Sr. High is small, the school's Program of Studies does not offer all possible courses in any given year.

- Physical Education Face Lift – When the Jr.-Sr. High was renovated, some minimal set-up of weight equipment was purchased while other equipment was donated. This had not functioned as a workable teaching station. With a rejuvenation of our Physical Education Program as a priority for the 2007-08 school year, however, we removed broken or obsolete equipment in spring 2007 and replaced it with some industrial quality weight training stations, spin bikes, two rowing machines, 6 DDR (Dance Dance Revolution) electronic set-ups, and 4 practice stations. P.E. teachers have worked with Principal Dennis Breen and CAT Director Tom Plati to organize the space and present units of study so all students can rotate through this now inviting teaching space.

- MCAS Test Results – Hopedale High School continues to demonstrate, through its MCAS results, that the teachers' instructional practices and the high school's curriculum offerings are meeting our state standards, among the highest in the nation, as well as national educational challenges under No Child Left Behind. Approximately 90% of our 10th grade students scored in the top two categories (advanced or proficient) in the MCAS English and

Mathematics exams. Once again, this put Hopedale High School in the top 20% statewide in both areas.

D. District-wide Efforts

In addition to initiatives already cited, the District Leadership Team took responsibility for system-wide work in these areas:

- Coordinated Program Review. Every 6 years the Department of Education conducts a Coordinated program Review to ensure district compliance with federal and state requirements in the provision of educational programs and services. The Coordinated Program Review Team from the Department will review documentation of compliance in 59 areas of Special Education, 26 areas of Civil Rights, 18 areas of English Language Learners, as well as 30 student records. Compiling evidence to document that the School Department complies with all regulations and legislation is an exhaustive exercise that culminates in a week-long site visit, followed by a formal report with mandatory recommendations. The work of organizing all of our documentation and preparing staff for this review was the task of Terry Green, Hopedale's Director of Pupil Personnel Services. Such an effort requires the assistance of all school offices in the compilation of the data about students' records, staff meetings, policies and procedures, and the updating of policies and procedures to reflect changes in the law. A scheduled March 2007 site visit was then delayed by the Department of Education, and rescheduled for November.

- Wellness Policy. The No Child Left Behind Law required each school district in the nation to develop a Wellness Policy for implementation during the 2006-07 academic year. A Task Force of School Committee, Administration, teachers, parents, and student representatives developed the parameters of this policy, as well as expectations for annual goal-setting and monitoring of progress. The School Committee adopted the policy in mid-winter, along with guidelines for implementation of the first goal-target – use of food in the classroom. Appropriate uses of food, plus suggested portions became part of an education awareness campaign to limit extra food consumption, eliminate food as a reward, and develop sensitivity to the presence of food allergies. Each year, a different area of wellness will be identified for strategic work. The purchase of fitness equipment at the Jr.-Sr. High reflects the goal category selected for FY08.

- Technology Instructional Tools. Thanks to the clear leadership of our Director of Curriculum, Assessment, and Technology, and the consistent support of Hopedale's Finance Committee, the School Department followed through on the second of a three-year lease-to-purchase plan that will replace obsolete technology and establish a sustainable purchasing level for future budgets. Purchases during FY07 have increased student access to global resources, both present and historical, enhanced the science learning through the integration of laboratory probes and simulations, and enabled teachers to individualize instruction in ways that accurately challenge and assess students at their particular skill levels. Student engagement and achievement is at an all-time high. Most importantly, we have been able to

provide technology tools to assist our struggling students in Grades 2-6, and have seen dramatic progress in improved reading fluency and learning of basic math facts.

- Community-wide Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. In collaboration with Hopedale's religious leaders and Hopedale historians Dan and Elaine Malloy, School Department staff and students combined forces, voices, and ideas to connect the progressive legacy of Adin Ballou's utopia to the modern struggle of the Civil Rights Movement. Student essays and art complemented an evening of shared music and history.

Having completed my third year as Superintendent of Schools, I want to thank the School Committee, Selectmen, Finance Committee, Town Coordinator, Department Heads, and the Hopedale community for their help and support of our public schools. As a Hopedale citizen and taxpayer, I can attest that the Hopedale Public Schools deliver tremendous value for the Town's tax contribution. It is my great privilege to work with a fine group of colleagues, and with them, to serve Hopedale students and their families.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia C. Ruane

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Superintendent of Schools

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Board of Selectmen
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Town Coordinator
Eugene N. Phillips

Dear Hopedale constituents,

Fiscal 2007 found the town facing a variety of challenges. Tight budgets, ongoing property development that continues to impact services, contract negotiations, and the economic downturn played heavily on the minds of all board members.

Once again, we approved a split tax rate to help share the high tax burden with businesses in town. Through the diligent work of the Finance Committee, we were able to avoid a Proposition 2½ override for the year while many towns around us could not.

Working closely with Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips, the Board achieved many of its goals for the year, including changing the town's burden for insurance contributions for many town workers, providing the Draper Reuse Committee with the tools needed to do its work, appointing a Master Plan committee and handling many of the day-to-day activities of running the town.

Some of the highlights for the board include the following:

Contracts: Contracts inked during fiscal 2007 included the Call Firefighters and the Clerical/Laborers union. For the clerical and laborers, we successfully negotiated a three-year agreement that included the removal of a sick-time buyback benefit, and reduced the town's insurance contribution from a split of 80/20 to a more palatable 70/30. The Selectmen also approved a new benefit for town employees: the "flexible spending" benefit allows employees to use pre-tax dollars for expenses such as daycare and healthcare.

When Hopedale's contract with town counsel Kopelman & Paige was drawing to an end, the Board met with and interviewed other firms to ensure we were securing the best legal services for the town and at the best price. In the end, Kopelman & Paige proved they offered the broadest range of specialties while still maintaining competitive rates.

The Draper Reuse Committee continued its efforts to build a vision for the best possible reuse of the vacant Draper Corporation machine shop building at the corner of Hopedale and Freedom Streets. The committee concluded its first full year and named Michael Ruane as chairman. The group secured additional interest at the state level for this massive potential redevelopment project, and brought in Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Dan O'Connell and then-State Senate President Robert Travaglini on separate occasions to tour the complex and meet with the committee to discuss how the state might help their efforts. Regular participants in Draper Reuse Committee meetings included State Rep. Marie Parente, State Rep. John Fernandes, and State Sen. Richard Moore.

Grants received during the year included an earmark grant for an upgrade to the traffic light signal at the intersections of Route 16 and Mendon Streets. Once implemented, the upgrade will allow for automatic switching of the light when emergency vehicles are approaching and also will allow for more precise timing of light changes to better serve current traffic needs.

In January, former State Rep. Marie Parente visited with the Selectmen to provide a detailed report on her most recent activities prior to leaving the State House. She also discussed ongoing issues of import to Hopedale that she had turned over to State Rep. John Fernandes.

The Town Hall remains in need of a renovation and Eugene Phillips is seeking grant monies toward that end. Until funding is available, however, routine maintenance continues and at times, unexpected maintenance needs crop up. During 2007, the Board of Health shut down the building's downstairs men's restroom, citing several violations. Emergency funds were secured and the necessary repairs made.

The Board appointed a Master Plan Committee, which then assembled and completed the Town report chapter of the Master Plan.

The Police Chief announced the retirement of Lt. James Gardner in February. Lt. Gardner was a 20-year veteran of the police force. Two promotions took place as well in February with Sgt. Mark Giovanella, a 14-year veteran of the police force being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and Officer Donald Martin, a 9-year veteran of the police force being promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

In terms of public safety, the Board approved the purchase of a new ladder truck for the Hopedale Fire Department. The new Pierce Dash aerial ladder truck replaced the outdated 33-year-old model which was subsequently sold for $565,000. Another issue that concerned both public safety and public health was the rooming house issue that has plagued neighboring Milford. The Board met with both the public safety officials and members of the Board of Health to deal with the problem up front and enforce zoning bylines before allowing unregulated rooming houses in town. One illegal rooming house was identified on Freedom Street and the owner subsequently made changes – including evicting some residents – to comply with town bylaws.

The Board approved the taking of several parcels of land at Spindleville Pond, clearing the way for state-mandated and state-funded bridge repairs on Mill Street.

As the fiscal year neared its close, two-term incumbent Selectman Alan Ryan was elected for a third term on the board in May.

Respectfully submitted,
Hopedale Board of Selectmen

Louis Arcudi, III, Chairman
Alan J. Ryan
Michael Collins

ANNUAL REPORT
OF TOWN COUNSEL

March, 2008

The past fiscal year was an active year in which Town Counsel rendered numerous legal opinions, approved contracts and guided transactions, met with the Board of Selectmen and various other boards, and handled a number of lawsuits on the Town's behalf.

Town Counsel continues to represent the Town in various ongoing litigation matters in state superior court, land court, state district court and before various administrative boards. There are presently seven pending litigation matters involving the Town, ranging from land use disputes to various labor grievances and including one personal injury claim.

We were able to resolve an enforcement matter involving the use of property as a lodging house in violation of the Town's Zoning By-Laws and certain provisions of the State Building Code. We were also successful in obtaining dismissal of a union grievance against the Town.

This year we have advised the Town on various leases, land dispositions and contracts. We assisted the Town with addressing proposals for a ground lease for the maintenance and development of wireless communications facilities as well as negotiating and drafting a first of its kind lease for this type of arrangement. We have represented the Town in connection with a Town Common lease agreement and a temporary cupola enclosure contract for engineering at the High School. We also have assisted the Town with a request for proposals and an agreement for professional

engineering services for the Hopedale Pond assessment and restoration project. We prepared an intermunicipal agreement between Hopedale and Mendon for provision of emergency ambulance services and represented the Town with respect to acceptance of deeds and grants of easements in the Harmony subdivision.

As always, we have provided a number of opinion letters to the Town, including opinions regarding special needs tuition payments, procedures in connection with gifts and donations, cable television renewal license procedures and various public records requests. We have also provided guidance on various labor matters and have drafted Town Meeting warrant articles requested by the Board of Selectmen.

Town Counsel has continued to take a pro-active approach to keeping control of costs by sending out numerous memoranda on various areas of municipal law at no charge to the community. For example, we have outlined and explained recent amendments to the Community Preservation Act, recent legislation concerning county roads, and changes to the Massachusetts Health Care Reform Law. We have provided guidance as to FCC orders regarding competitive cable television licenses and the effect of new fire sprinkler legislation upon 2008 liquor license renewal applications. We have advised as to intermunicipal agreements for public health emergency preparedness, summarized new identity theft laws, provided guidance as to procedures governing presidential primaries, outlined procedures for processing claims and lawsuits, summarized laws for addressing shortfalls in snow and ice budgets and provided bulletins as to recent notable municipal law litigation and appellate decisions.

As always, we strive to provide timely and concise responses to requests for advisory opinions and have assisted in the review of articles for the Warrants for Town Meetings as well as attending Town Meetings and various board meetings.

We wish to express our thanks to all the people who have dedicated their time to the town government in Hopedale, especially the Board of Selectmen, Town Coordinator, and department heads. Without their assistance and cooperation, our collective objectives could not be attained.

Respectfully submitted,

Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER/TOWN COLLECTOR

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale:

This is my 3rd Annual Report as your Treasurer/Collector and I am very pleased with the continued progress we continue to make to improve our services and overall effectiveness. This office consists of six business units headed by the Treasurer/Town Collector. These include the collector's division, treasury, payroll, benefits administration, parking ticket administration and general office support.

Our responsibilities include initiating temporary and permanent borrowing, investing, managing and disbursing town funds, receiving all revenues of the town, processing the school and town payrolls, and performing other statutory functions required by the state and federal laws. This department is responsible for the billing and collection of all real estate, motor vehicle excise, personal property taxes, sewer and water assessments and billings and all other monies committed to the department for collection. Additionally, the general offices falling under the responsibility of the Treasurer/Town Collector assists other town departments by distributing recycle bins to the taxpayers for the Board of Health, processing all building permits, electrical permits, gas permits and plumbing permits; and distributing and collecting fees for printed materials such as the residents lists, zoning bylaws, town bylaws and other materials.

We've made significant changes in the efficiency of our operation over the past few years. Motor vehicle excise tax bills and Real Estate bills now contain a return envelope which directs payments directly to a bank lockbox. This not only decreases the time to post payments to your accounts but, equally important, it has eliminated the need to seek part time help during cyclical peak periods. Taxpayers can now pay bills online with a few options as to the payment type. We continue to research how to streamline paperwork to benefit both staff and taxpayers.

I would like to thank the taxpayers of Hopedale for their continued diligence in paying their taxes and assessments in a timely fashion, to the Board of Selectmen and I am very privileged to have the assistance of an extremely competent staff. Thank you Donna, Patricia and Sandra; I sincerely appreciate all of your hard work as well as your continued cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Walls
Treasurer/Town Collector

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REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR
Fiscal Year 2007

RECEIVABLES BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2006

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		
Fiscal 2005 & Prior	$26,090.00	
Fiscal 2006	$3,127.00	
Fiscal 2007	$4,055.00	
		$33,272.00
REAL ESTATE TAXES		
Fiscal 2005 & Prior	$8,464.00	
Fiscal 2006	$34,530.00	
Fiscal 2007	$170,816.00	
		$213,810.00
TAX TITLE ACCOUNTS		$294,462.00
TAX DEFERRAL ACCOUNT		$15,890.00
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		
Fiscal 2004 and Prior		$70,580.00
Fiscal 2005		$6,858.00
Fiscal 2006		$13,695.00
Fiscal 2007		$32,980.00
TOTAL OUTSTANDING RECEIVABLES		$681,547.00

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REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2007

NON INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS:		
Cash in Office	$250.00	
		$250.00
INTEREST BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNTS		
Boston Safe - Vendor Account	$21,177.78	
Unibank - Elementary	$29,686.94	
Unibank - High School	$77,095.81	
Unibank - Major Deposits	$328,251.01	
Unibank - Payroll	($59,765.37)	
		$396,446.17
LIQUID INVESTMENTS		
Fleet (Performance Bond	$2,437.17	
Fleet (Performance Bond)	$601.90	
Fleet (Performance Bond	$1,803.08	
Fleet (Performance Bond	$3,659.03	
Fleet (Performance Bond	$11,032.28	
Fleet (Performance Bond	$5,433.03	
Ben Franklin Savings	$1,123.75	
Strata MM	$265,597.50	
MMDT	$135,791.34	
Boston Safe Deposit MM	$36,304.43	
Fleet MM	$97,228.68	
Bank North	$44,707.02	
Eastern Bank	$90,346.68	
Unibank MM	$1,962,095.53	
Citizens MM	$610,667.36	
Century Bank & Trust	$82,992.75	
Webster Bank	$184,710.01	
Health Insurance Trust	$278,940.60	
		$3,815,472.14
TERM INVESTMENTS		
Barthloemew		
Merrill Lynch (General Inv. Fund)	$67,150.29	
		$67,150.29
STABILIZATION		
Merrill Lynch	$1,168,688.52	
Bartholemew	$146,372.17	
		$1,315,060.69
TRUST FUNDS		
Barthloemew	$104,992.61	
		$104,992.61
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS		**$5,699,371.90**

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REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER
Fiscal Year 2007

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF INTEREST EARNED

INTEREST BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNTS		
Boston Safe - Vendor Account	$1,385.57	
Citizens ws	$6,550.48	
Unibank - Payroll	$2,776.09	
		$10,712.14
LIQUID INVESTMENTS		
MMDT	$6,988.62	
Boston Safe Deposit MM	$1,091.22	
Fleet MM	$2,275.01	
Bank North	$2,319.30	
Eastern Bank	$3,879.51	
Strata MM	$3,227.58	
Unibank MM	$31,079.60	
Citizens MM	$25,227.90	
Century Bank & Trust	$9,333.51	
Webster Bank	$3,185.02	
		$88,607.27
TERM INVESTMENTS		
Merrill Lynch	$5,668.89	
		$5,668.89
STABILIZATION		
Merrill Lynch	$59,453.39	
Bartholemew	$5,033.83	
		$64,487.22
TRUST FUNDS		
Unibank	$2,478.59	
Merrill Lynch	$1,421.88	
Bartholemew	$1,278.76	
		$5,179.23
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS		**$174,654.75**

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STATEMENT OF INDEBTNESS
Fiscal Year 2007

Long Term Debt	Outstanding 1-Jul-06	New Debt Issued	Retirements	Outstanding 30-Jun-07	Interest Paid in FY07
School Building	$14,835,000		$1,300,000	$13,535,000	$597,669
Sewer	$745,000	$0	$45,000	$700,000	$27,494
Solid Waste	$374,967	$0	$13,918	$361,049	$8,923
Water	$1,073,482	$0	$53,856	$1,019,626	$40,345
Fire Station	$2,057,000	$0	$134,000	$1,923,000	$80,773
SUB-TOTAL	$19,085,449	$0	$1,546,774	$17,538,675	$755,204
Total Long Term Debt	$19,085,449	$0	$1,546,774	$17,538,675	$755,204

Short Term Debt	Outstanding 1-Jul-06	New Debt Issued	Retirements	Outstanding 30-Jun-07	Interest Paid in FY07
BAN's (Bond Anticipation Note)					
Building - Fire Station			$0	$0	
Sewer	$200,000	$150,000		$350,000	$7,794
Water	$630,000	$0	$0	$630,000	$24,651
				$0	
Other - Fire Truck		$580,000	$0	$580,000	$0
Total Short Term Debt	$830,000	$730,000	$0	$1,560,000	$32,445

TREE WARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

This past fiscal year was a very successful one for me. National Grid came to the Town of Hopedale for their Massachusetts Tree Project. They looked at all the trees that could potentially cause problems, such as by power outages that could interfere with their wires.

I met with representatives from National Grid several times to decide which trees needed to come down completely, and which could be pruned back to prevent any future problems. National Grid ended up taking down several trees on Routes 16 and 140, as well as one in the town park. Some streets, including Northrop Street, also had trees removed. National Grid received my permission to notify the owners of the homes who had those identified trees abutting their property. This whole project took place at no cost to the town. Much of this tree removal work had been previously planned through my office, however by National Grid performing the work, the result was a cost savings of several thousand dollars to the town.

In other tree news, I retained "Stumpy's Tree Service" as our contractor. I'm still very pleased with Stumpy's, as they arrive in a timely manner from when my call is placed. Stumpy's did some pruning and planting for the town. Unfortunately, not all the planted trees survived. I plan to do replacement planting of some of the trees that were removed last year.

I would once again like to thank the Hopedale Highway Department for all their help and support.

I am very proud and happy to continue to serve as your Tree Warden.

Sincerely,

Leo Lyons

Tree Warden

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Your local Veterans' Service Officer is committed to assist our needy veterans and dependents, with the same concern and compassion that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office and the Massachusetts House and Senate had when aid and assistance programs for our veterans were first established in the Commonwealth. Many reforms and changes have been made to improve the delivery of services. Today, with the continued support of the Commonwealth and its legislators, your Veterans' Service Officer is meeting the needs of our former service personnel.

Your Veterans' Service Officer administers many varied entitlement programs and for this reason, your local Department of Veterans' Services is considered a one-stop center. In addition to the duties to aid, assist and advise, as stated in Chapter 115. Massachusetts General Law, your Veterans' Service Officer counsels, files claims, and explores every avenue leading to the resources and revenue available for the veteran. The veteran or dependent of the veteran must be motivated to realize and be aware of his or her own assets. Where rehabilitation may be required, proper attention is given to that need, while treating the veteran or his dependent with dignity and courtesy. Our services to veterans and to their dependents are a record of which we are proud. Your Veterans' Service Officer will continue to meet his responsibility to the taxpayer with diligence, keeping in mind that monies received from other resources will reduce the financial responsibility to the Town.

Major changes in Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 115, affecting all veterans within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts include:

1. We now have two State cemeteries
2. Reimbursement to cities and town, 75% of the cost of flags for flagging veteran's gravesites on Memorial Day.
3. Reimbursement to each city and town 100% for training programs for veterans service officers.
4. Increase in real estate tax abatement for certain disabled veterans.
5. Granting surviving spouse of certain disabled veterans the same real estate tax abatement that the veterans received while alive.
6. Increased annuity payments to $2,000.00, including all 100% disabled veterans, gold star parents and gold star spouses of eligible deceased veteran's, c 115, sec 6a, 6b, and 6c
7. An increase in Burial Allowance to $2,000.00
8. Peacetime Veterans now qualify for c115 State Benefits.
9. Established and funded a Women's Outreach Program
10. Welcome Home Bonus-c 130 Acts of 2005- $1,000.00--$500.00
11. Compilation of all veterans of all wars.
12. Established veterans web site

My thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their understanding of the needs of veterans and for their continued support to insure those Veterans Service Department's justifiable monetary benefits are met. The Department of Veterans' Services and the Town will continue to fulfill the needs of those who served.
The Department of Veterans' Services will continue to provide service to our Veterans and their dependents, being aware of the fact that our services have constantly increased. It is, therefore, necessary to emphasize the quality of services and continue with our best effort to maintain an efficient and economical Veterans Assistance Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony J. Mastroianni
Director of Veterans Services

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Water & Sewer Commissioners

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Robert Bird
Aldo P Tarca

TOWN OF HOPEDALE WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENTS
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

On behalf of the Water & Sewer Commission, I am pleased to submit the following annual report for the Water & Sewer Departments.

Both departments continue to keep pace with increasing water quality regulations and discharge permitting. Within the water department, increased samplings for iron and manganese, perchlorate as well as lead and copper have been successfully completed and all results were below the maximum contaminate levels. We have also continued to move forward with our new source and have received approval from the DEP to utilize two new bedrock wells in an effort to meet the town's water needs. In the future these new wells, along with the department's other two water sources, will run through a filtration plant in order to meet all state and federal water quality standards and guidelines for years to come. We expect to seek funding in the upcoming months for the design and construction of this treatment plant and anticipate completion in three years.

Other improvements within the departments include the replacement of 3000 feet of two-inch water main to eight-inch on The Driftway and the installation of a new sewer main on Dutcher Street. The cleaning of both the Mill Street well field and the Greene Street wells were performed and a number of hydrants were repaired and/or replaced. The water department installed approximately four hundred radio read meters and conducted a leak detection survey of all water mains within the town, keeping the town's unaccounted-for water to less then 2%.

The wastewater treatment plant updated its operational and maintenance manuals, adopted new rules and regulations and conducted a safety inspection of the facility. A new generator was installed at the Cutler Street Station and an underground fuel tank was removed. A pilot study was performed and completed on the nitrification process at the plant and corrective measures should be completed by the summer of 2008.

In closing, we are looking forward to the future of both departments as we look at major upgrades and changes that will benefit the town for years to come. The Water & Sewer Commission is striving to ensure a high quality water not only to is users with these upgrades in the water department, but a high quality water being discharged into the Mill River with the upgrades at the waste water treatment plant.

Sincerely,
Timothy J. Watson, Manager
Water & Sewer Departments

Last/First Name	YTD True Gross
JACARUSO, ANDREW L.	125.00
ALGER, TIMOTHY J.	250.00
GALLAGHER, STEVEN J.	275.00
ESPANET, RICHARD P	600.00
PALMER-HOWES, SUSAN A.	1,000.00
HAYRES, DONNA M.	700.00
POTTY, ELI	700.00
ROACH, MARIANNE	50.00
STRAPPONI, COLLEEN M.	100.00
PIERCESAW, KENNETH G.	250.00
LERNER, ELIZABETH	1,000.00
MAURER, HOWARD L.	716.65
TRAVERS, D CRAIG	895.00
COMASTRA, DONALD D	100.00
MARTIN, RICHARD W.	1,166.66
BIRD, ROBERT H	766.64
PISACANE, CATHERINE V.	700.00
MAZZARELLI, ROSS S.	125.00
HAMPSCH, MARY L.	1,000.00
CARROLL, JAMES F.	125.00
SWEET, JOSEPH C.	700.00
MCELROY, MARGARET M.	300.00
ALBERTO, LISA M	1,600.00
TARCA, ALDO P	733.36
MORIN, JAMES M	700.00
TONELLI, JUSTINE A.	1,333.32
MORO, ROBERT M.	683.32
ANDRE, KENNETH N.	1,250.00
FARRER JR, JOHN E	800.00
FALCONE, JAMES R.	1,779.92
TREMBLAY, MARCEL H	25,996.45
GRIFFIN, JEAN A	299.63
MITCHELL, PETER B	616.68
ETHIER, REBECCA M.	52.70
SALES, ELIZABETH W	458.32
JARVIS, JENNIFER P	2,412.50
BURT, MOLLY A.	3,270.00
HADLEY, TIMOTHY M.	8,594.00
WINTERS, CAROL A	21,528.56
SAKER III, PETER J.	59,008.09
MORAN, JOHN H.	54,718.49
WILSON, KARA A.	25,426.15
EVANS, PATRICK W	33,114.56
DAVIDGE, SHAYNA L.	2,248.32
NELSON, ROBERT J.	115.81
MERCER, DEBRA A	24,032.90
GANNON, REBECCA R.	1,139.81
NEWMAN, RACHEL B.	2,620.75
VERDOLINO, JOHN V.	428.13
MAEL, LEON J.	500.00
GUNDUZ, EVREN J	2,018.00
LARKIN, FRANCIS J	200.00

Last/First Name	YTD True Gross
COLLINS, MICHAEL E	2,000.00
ARCUDI, LOUIS J.	2,000.00
RYAN, ALAN J.	2,500.00
PHILLIPS, EUGENE N.	73,020.71
PEDROLI, LISA M	28,248.60
CATANZARITI, LINDA M.	51,659.52
WHYTE, CAROL A.	33,091.22
GONSALVES, TERESA M.	52,581.48
WALLS, BARBARA J.	54,723.50
LAMPHERE, DONNA	34,163.92
JACARUSO, JANET O	27,574.75
MILANOSKI, DOROTHY C	600.00
STOCK, BERNARD J	72.20
HAMMOND, ROBERT A.	500.00
GROSS, VERNON	3,200.60
MALNATI, MICHAEL M.	713.28
MINICHIELLO, JR., ROBERT	1,947.25
MURDOCK, DEREK P.	580.58
MURPHY, HAROLD V	1,724.23
FITZGERALD, RAYMOND F.	857.10
TARELLA, MICHAEL D	4,612.95
BETSCHART, THOMAS J.	9,382.19
GRIFFITH, MARK S.	686.59
GONCALVES, MICHAEL P.	1,523.74
CIARAMICOLI, MICHAEL	656.87
AVELLINO, JOSEPH A.	5,816.95
IACOVELLI, NINA M.	174.61
DIAMOND, PATRICIA E.	80.50
MARCOTTE, MARK A.	1,850.66
MINICHIELLI, WAYNE J	52,599.16
GAGNON, JOHN P	48,789.12
GIOVANELLA, MARK A	99,083.50
BELBEN, JR., KENNETH A.	4,269.88
LIMA, RICARDO C.	50,186.96
COSTANZA, EUGENE P	91,906.23
MARTIN SR, DONALD J	59,773.91
STODULSKI, STEVEN P.	66,672.98
GARDNER, JAMES M	66,054.24
CONLON, JOSEPH P.	54,227.26
MAHAN, STEVEN R	45,436.66
TEBEAU, JOHN A	33,920.52
MASON, CHERIE A	38,959.60
CORMIER, ROBERT A.	46.84
GLEASON, PAULA A.	40,880.98
COLLINS, LISA M	40,001.27
DAIGE, THOMAS M JR	72,188.16
BARRY, PAUL	48,295.29
GARLAND, SCOTT	65,188.71
GLEASON JR, RICHARD J	67,985.02
MCMORROW, DAVID J	53,205.49
FOSBURGH, JR., LESLIE N.	46,840.37
POIRIER, BRUCE A.	308.00

Last/First Name	YTD True Gross
KEHOE, MICHAEL D	911.50
DUNLAVEY, PHILIP G	308.00
PARISI, PAUL J.	308.00
CASTIGLIONE, PAUL	616.00
KLOCZKOWSKI, GUY S.	308.00
SANCHIONI, JOHN A.	308.00
DOCURRAL, DANIEL J.	308.00
BERTULLI, ALLEN	308.00
GRADY, DENNIS P.	2,084.00
MOFFI, PAUL J.	308.00
TESTA, THOMAS A.	308.00
TESTA, TODD	308.00
MASSEY, BRIAN	142.00
SOUSA, CARLOS A.	308.00
HESTER, CHARLES E	1,025.26
JENKINS, RYAN T.	30,176.67
TUSINO, MICHAEL A	25,400.00
GIAMPIETRO, MICHAEL A.	1,000.00
ZACCHILLI, JOSEPH P.	270.00
FONTANA, JOHN C	5,260.00
SCANZAROLI, JOSEPH F.	6,300.00
IZZO, MICHAEL A.	10,359.88
LYONS, LEO	1,000.00
OZELLA III, VINCENT J	39,260.45
LAMBERT, GERALD	45,317.50
WATSON, THOMAS E	38,435.72
BIAGETTI, ROBERT A.	29,079.86
NADEAU, CHRISTOPHER	46,433.87
DEPONTE, ROBERT S	61,428.15
WATSON, TIMOTHY J	69,401.41
WEBB, KENNETH D.	51,442.91
DEMEO, VINCENT M.	50,287.31
SCHREIBER, JOHN T	52,363.43
DOWDEN, DAVID O	43,737.80
IZZO, LEONARD A	38,772.45
LOPEZ, DANIEL	4,753.12
FILOSA, CHASE W.	3,311.00
VENDETTI, LUCIO P.	3,409.00
DELETTI, ESTHER P	10,313.06
MULLEN, CAROLE K.	26,978.79
MASTROIANNI, A J	2,790.96
MANCZUROWSKY, WALTER P	4,453.95
KRAIMER, ELAINE M	31,288.44
FOX, DEVON T.R.	1,383.05
SPARLING, MERRILY C.	49,591.61
SARTORI, SARA L.	12,438.37
SULLIVAN, WENDY H.	26,921.84
SESONA, MARK G	19,944.00
GORMAN, BARRY M.	4,726.00
FALCONE, JAMES R.	1,779.92
TREMBLAY, MARCEL H	25,996.45
GRIFFIN, JEAN A	299.63

Last/First Name	YTD True Gross
MITCHELL, PETER B	616.68
ETHIER, REBECCA M.	52.70
SALES, ELIZABETH W	458.32
JARVIS, JENNIFER P	2,412.50
BURT, MOLLY A.	3,270.00
HADLEY, TIMOTHY M.	8,594.00
WINTERS, CAROL A	21,528.56
SAKER III, PETER J.	59,008.09
MORAN, JOHN H.	54,718.49
WILSON, KARA A.	25,426.15
EVANS, PATRICK W	33,114.56
DAVIDGE, SHAYNA L.	2,248.32
NELSON, ROBERT J.	115.81
MERCER, DEBRA A	24,032.90
GANNON, REBECCA R.	1,139.81
NEWMAN, RACHEL B.	2,620.75
VERDOLINO, JOHN V.	428.13
MAEL, LEON J.	500.00
GUNDUZ, EVREN J	2,018.00
LAUMEISTER, DENISE T	17,007.78
HOPKINSON, ALLAN G.	17,935.81
QUIRK, BEVERLY J.	4,276.85
ESPANET, MELISSA M	46,614.04
WASNEWSKI, ANDREA M	31,927.50
COLANTONI, JEAN L	29,406.79
MULLANEY, MICHAEL J.	23,605.46
PLATI, THOMAS J.	91,246.08
APPELL, LISA	22,286.48
KELLEHER, CHERYL	29,412.54
MCGUANE, ASHLEY L.	1,305.00
RUANE, PATRICIA C.	122,590.40
CURTIS, JEAN	12,428.85
LANE, DEBRA A.	10,237.24
BURT, LINDSEY J.	1,314.00
PETERS, RALPH W	5,622.39
LEE, HEATHER A.	18,300.88
LOCKLIN, TAMI L.	16,273.05
TADDEO, DEBORAH ANN	10,541.10
CAMPBELL, NANCY J.	17,313.61
MACDONALD, GAVIN F.	1,933.00
SUTTON, JR., WILLIAM S.	1,479.00
CARBARY, MICHAEL A.	3,055.50
CALLAHAN, ELIZABETH S.	22,615.44
PETERS, KAREN	28,186.79
FERRELLI II, VINCENT F.	16,714.00
CARRIER, JULIE A	16,720.17
JOHNSON, JENNIFER L.	840.00
GLICKLICH, CAROLYN	360.00
DRUGAN, JOSEPH P	3,750.00
RICHARDS, GINA MARIE	60.00
PIAZZA, LAUREN M.	60.00
PYCKO, MICHELLE	60.00

Last/First Name	YTD True Gross
JACKSON-LOVEWELL, JOYCE L	655.00
KELLEY JR, HENRY	1,350.00
MCGRATH, DONNA	75,107.89
SMALL, JOSEPH J	2,527.00
NUNEZ-FERNANDEZ, MARGARIT	120.00
LUCHINI, DIANE P.	195.00
DELUCA, PETER A	685.00
CONDON, SANDRA J.	100.00
MATTIE, CHARLES R.	1,259.00
MILANI, JANE L.	1,423.50
MACDONALD, SHANNON	220.00
LECLAIRE, KRISTEN E.	240.00
ROZAK, KEVIN F.	60.00
CANDINI, DENNIS J.	375.00
BAUGH, ROSE I.	350.00
MCDONALD, MARY F.	575.00
TOCCHI, ROBERT M.	375.00
GOIS, NICOLE E.	940.00
HYLAND, JOANNE P.	69.38
CHIACCHIA, MICHELLE E.	175.00
GIUNTA, CHRISTYLYN N.	60.00
BONAVITA, DEBORAH A.	195.00
DAVIN, VIRGINIA L	545.00
DUCHARME, COLLEEN G.	130.00
HEARNS, DEBORAH A.	4,407.50
MILLER, RENEE	266.00
GRALINSKI, SCOTT H.	1,560.00
CREELY, GEORGE B.	1,050.00
HARWICK-FOLEY, KATHRYN D.	2,745.00
SLACK, STEPHANIE A.	3,105.00
WAGNER JR., EARL C	150.00
BURT, PAMELA J	60.00
CROWELL, ANNE V.	4,785.00
SPENCER-TRAVERS, JANICE C	1,410.00
BLISS, SHARON L.	2,705.00
FEELEY, MARK F.	2,018.00
SULLIVAN, CAROL E.	10,472.78
MCKAMY, PATRICK J.	180.00
CANDINI, ALYSSA A.	360.00
IACOVELLI, EDWARD M.	75.00
BAVOSI, MICHELLE A.	5,065.00
DONNELLY, ELIZABETH A.	330.00
NEWBY, JAMIE M.	506.25
GARLAND, MOLLY B.	200.00
RINEHART, RICHARD J	144.00
NORRIS, TRACY L.	5,410.01
ANDREANO, ROBERT J.	3,990.00
LABOSSIERE, GREGORY J.	615.00
MIKLOSOVICH, CHARLES J.	1,515.00
SALVATORE, LISA L.	2,422.50
MOSSMAN, CHERYL	9,621.25
ATKINSON, MARIE	8,136.19

Last/First Name	YTD True Gross
MURPHY, DANA	12,772.15
KEANEY, SHANNON	9,678.95
SPATES, LINDA M.	20,905.10
ARCUDI, MICHAEL J.	446.25
RAPP, LINDSAY MARIE	1,234.73
THOMPSON, VALERIE M.	2,138.63
APICELLA, SUSAN	42,232.93
LEMON, SANDRA	20,581.14
LEWIS, GLORIA	2,838.20
MOSSMAN, NICOLE	210.00
MOSSMAN, SAMANTHA A.	280.00
MULREADY, SUSAN A	71,257.06
GLENN, SALLY ANN	23,111.86
TATTERSALL, ELIZABETH A	3,289.88
PETTO, STEPHEN J.	619.50
WEAVER, LINDSAY R.	2,175.25
ANDOLINA, LINDA C.	3,772.07
MOSHER, NICHOLAS E.	913.50
SPINELLI, ANGELA M.	1,688.75
FINN, MARY R.	551.25
KELLY, MEGAN M.	4,742.34
ESPANET, KATHLEEN A.	6,490.48
RUDDOCK, PAMELA	13,279.08
CREEKMORE, JOAN C	20,252.54
EDWARDS, COURTNEY A.	3,771.07
ROPAR, KAITLIN M.	3,242.46
NOLAN, DONNA M.	4,670.92
MACEWEN, SHANNON R.	8,450.29
BROWN, MEGAN M.	5,528.90
LAUMEISTER, NOELLE S.	1,942.50
RAJCULA, LAUREN E.	519.12
FAHEY, SHANNON J.	210.00
BRESCIANI, KAELA E.	1,771.88
KAPATOES, MELINDA J.	6,850.93
LAMBERT, KRISTINA A.	6,501.16
DAVIS, MARY LYNNE	7,984.35
BRIDGES, TAMARA A.	101.25
BRIDGES, JULIE A.	14,377.63
MESSIER, LAURA M.	9,417.24
MARTIN, KAREN ANNE	40,553.92
RANDO, CINDY L.	17,566.43
ROSSACCI, KAREN S	21,323.00
COLE, JEFFREY A.	270.00
DOOLEY, HEATHER L.	2,317.90
MARTIN, REBECCA J.	28,439.26
LARRABEE, MICHELLE E.	7,622.74
KELLEHER, AMY L.	4,009.73
YOUNG , ALISSA A.	305.25
ELLIOTT, KATHRYN N.	13,152.22
KLING, REASHA A	28,742.80
LOUCKS, JENNIFER L.	32,480.56
ROSSI, FRANCES	24,714.05

Last/First Name	YTD True Gross
MILLER, SUSAN J.	7,118.92
COLLETTE, COLEEN	71,527.30
LEWIS, RONALD	62,720.24
MOORADIAN, MARILYN	66,643.61
PHILLIPS, LINDA J	73,976.25
STARE, JOSEPHINE	12,931.24
WODIN, LAURIE S	64,454.29
CORMIER, CHERYL	68,694.04
VERDOLINO, NANCY KELLY	68,994.04
DELUCA, JANET	71,577.12
CORNELL, LUCILLE M	32,778.55
FOX, BETH BARBARA	59,544.04
PIGEON, LISA MARIE	27,124.17
GILBERTSON JR, ROBERT E	22,027.86
CANDINI, MARIAN E	70,805.48
D'URSO, THOMAS R	72,510.27
BOWEN, DOREEN E	73,124.81
BAILLARGEON, FREDERICKE L	62,694.74
WALKER, JACQUELINE A	69,983.16
JOHNSON, DIANNE M	60,702.24
CAPPABIANCA, CHRISTINE MA	68,473.76
BALOG, CHRISTINE	17,753.15
CARBONI, JANET	62,412.24
ATCHUE, SALLY J	60,036.28
PAGE, JANET R	68,531.44
SKORUPA, CANDACE C	46,278.83
DUNN, SUZANNE G W	68,003.96
PANTANO, BETH A	5,831.91
LECLAIRE, JANE M	65,072.74
ROLO, ANN M	53,949.31
SUTTON, SR., WILLIAM STEP	32,193.62
LANE, AMY S	53,103.03
IMBRUNO, ANTHONY B	11,019.54
GREEN, THERESE D.	78,903.62
TUITE, LINDA J.	24,894.50
KLEI, SHERYL A.	10,772.15
MARTIN-FENG, MINDY A.	55,120.21
DOS RAMOS, MARIA SUAREZ	42,773.23
MACMANNIS, ADRIENNE L.	39,895.67
MANNING, LAURA J.	6,374.63
LABOSSIERE, CLAIRE	13,898.63
MCPHERSON-TODD, KELLY	55,208.52
BORGHI, ANDREA T.	18,031.36
CARLSON, JUDITH MARIE	51,879.53
FINNEGAN, JOANNE SCOTTI	93,982.80
VALDEZ-MORAN, BERTHA I	59,920.53
POMEROY, AMANDA H.	51,816.34
MANOLI, CLAUDIA A.	375.00
BARRETT, KAREN F.L.	12,699.39
ALDRICH, ELSIE E.	47,545.42
BERLINGUET, JALENE D.	515.63
CHABOT, CHRISTINE M.	20,972.14

Last/First Name	YTD True Gross
MARTIN, KERRI L.	12,363.45
BAZINET, STEPHANIE J.	41,785.05
DILIS, ERIN E.	2,423.61
ARCUDI, MARY	19,580.60
FALLON, STACIE M.	11,792.72
AW, MICHAEL	64,214.74
ARSENAULT, SUSAN	15,842.74
MANGANO, BARBARA J.	12,075.41
ROMASCO, ALEXA K	21,866.11
LAMORA, LINDA L.	10,596.86
MILLER, BRIAN M	20,175.20
BUONOMO, MEGAN J.	46,091.19
BOURGERY, DANIEL	61,302.24
CONSIGLI, MARISA A.	38,841.18
LYALL, ANNA MARIE	3,742.50
GROSS, MARK E.	8,123.22
KOUMANELIS-URQUHART, NEAL	35,278.29
BERTONAZZI, LISA R.	12,196.43
GILCHRIST, KELLY A.	14,427.44
CASTIGLIONI, MARIA	43,561.72
ALGER, ERYKA K.	630.00
KNOWLES, BROOKE C.	51,643.09
CABELLI-LATTIMER, JENNIFER	38,541.23
STACKPOLE, KAREN W.	48,766.97
CAULKINS, LINDA B.	8,833.38
MACDONALD, CHERYL	8,389.40
GLENN, CHRISTOPHER	2,244.00
DIEMONT, DEBORA L.	48,715.84
BETSCHART, ANNE MARIE	18,725.03
RINEHART, PHILIP S	50,765.55
LOPES, ELIZABETH F	70,077.65
REYNOLDS JR., JAMES J	54,955.31
ARMOUR, PATRICIA	46,262.97
BERTRAND, DAVID B.	12,969.06
MAINES, KEVIN G.	81,230.76
DIANTONIO, JILL	60,101.45
MENDES, CHRISTINE	7,166.27
SNADDON GRIFFIN, HEATHER	68,694.04
LEVINSOHN, JOAN ROSE	66,654.25
BROOKE, JANICE	71,751.43
JUMP, JAMIE L.	19,569.75
FIELDER, JANICE	5,842.21
GUERTIN, PATRICIA	30,984.38
HERON, LAWRENCE	73,778.10
NICHOLSON, DANIEL	79,935.56
MENDALA-THOMPSON, RUTH	72,883.60
WOOLHISER, JAMES	45,494.28
HOWARD, MARY E	15,227.30
ENGLUND, ANN D	33,504.07
OLIVEIRA, JENNIFER D.	19,426.71
BLOOD, JODY L.	35,465.04
BUTLER, M KELLEY	74,723.86

Last/First Name	YTD True Gross
ALGER, KARLENE A	32,190.00
JOHNSON, NANCY A	77,231.27
DAFONTE, MARIA G	68,989.19
EKWALL, MERIDETH L	73,122.22
JACKSON, KATHERINE A.	17,046.33
CUNNINGHAM, ALEXANDER W.	37,579.13
BETSCHART, MICHAEL D	660.00
COLE, CYNTHIA A.	63,621.28
COLELLI, JUNE	43,540.16
URMSTON, MARIE	62,176.47
CORDANI, ANTHONY	70,082.44
EVANS III, EDWARD W.	38,847.31
LABRODE, ANN	68,290.46
ALGER, JEFFREY R.	110.00
VERDOLINO, JAMES V.	1,169.45
KELLY, SUSAN P	47,349.85
LISKA, SARAH W.	43,538.81
BEAUDRY, ANTHONY	64,950.23
HORAN, NANCY E.	44,992.66
SANTOSUOSSO, JENNIFER B.	53,606.39
BREEN, DENNIS J.	103,215.53
RIENDEAU, TOD	29,498.84
ADU-GYAMFI, MARY N.	16,074.15
LADIEU, JESSICA K.	18,339.33
PIERGUSTAVO, RICHARD	66,693.76
URQUHART, MATTHEW P.	55,765.90
GUADAGNOLI, SHERRI L.	57,700.56
GUGLIOTTA, LAURA A.	40,382.03
PEARL, DOROTHY L.	50,368.31
ADAMS, KATHRYN E.	13,823.07
MULRONEY, MARY M	65,108.92
OLIVERI, TALITHA	56,936.76
MCGUANE, JEANNE E.	32,190.00
FISCHER, THOMAS	63,033.58
ANZALONE, MARCIA L.	12,969.06
D'AMICO, SANDRA	65,583.62
KIMBALL, MEGHAN-BRIGID D.	41,287.99
MCGOWAN, KELLY M	43,586.23
KUT, JOYCE	13,450.32
ANTOLINI, GINA A	19,754.45
WATT, JANICE	8,607.60
MCELROY, KATHY	9,092.72
MARTINO, JANICE A.	5,542.09
FONSECA, LAURA	2,353.38
MCCALLUM, JAMES R.	3,500.00
WAGNER, TEDDY R	821.02
O'CONNOR, TYLER A.	1,259.00
COWEN, JOHN M.	4,053.00
OLSEN, LAURENCE C.	8,554.00
GAROZZO, MARIE T	217.53
COGLIANDRO, KATHLEEN ANN	46,840.47
DEKKER, CAROLYN J.	1,650.00

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WILLIAMS, KATHRYN A.	20,814.00
COLLINS, ROOSEVELT	11,352.73
PAPARAZZO, ANNA M.	6,514.75
DUDLEY, JEAN M.	30.88
FLANAGAN JR., WILLIAM	43,512.31
FRANCER, RACHEL H.	628.25
REID, S. MEGAN	11,503.49
DIRKS, ROBERT J.	27,764.60
BARYS, GRETCHEN SCHOLTEN	5,697.07
BARCLAY, BRUCE	52,302.40
SANTACROCE, RONALD	77,431.21
PAZOS, FRANCISCO JAVIER	26,033.52
PACHECO, LORI	51,923.04
FRAGA, LOUIS	49,275.00
LATHROP, NICOLE R	13,504.48
AUDETTE, DENISE T.	120.00
STICKNEY, TRACY L.	420.00
BRAKE, PAULETTE E.	3,082.50
STEELE , JAMES O.	30.00
O'NEILL, KRISTINA L.	25,078.16
SMITH, BEVERLY A.	3,192.00
MURRAY, BRENNAN	720.00
DEVITO, ANN	47,254.00
BRESCIANI, CYNTHIA L.	70.00
KINCAID, SUSAN L.	1,400.00
BELLIVEAU, ADAM A.	420.00
CAPUZZIELLO, NANCY	10,324.07
DUBSKY, THADIUS E.	61,818.10
WARD, CONSTANCE A.	14,872.99
GAROFANO, MARISSA L.	309.75
DURNELL, BRADLEY A.	44,859.95
RASICOT, SUSAN E.	44,643.09
SIMPSON, JAMES L	1,135.20
ABBRUZZESE, JULIE A.	30.00
GAUTREAU, MICHEL C.	51,700.62
BUSHNELL, CHRISTOPHER G.	40.00
FERNANDES, MARTA S.	1,875.00
STOFFEL, SUSAN G.	9,094.29
GERMAN, STEVEN C.	65,446.85
DOOLEY, PATRICIA A.	9,749.01
IAROSSI, SUSAN M.	2,035.40
DESCHAINES, LAURA A.	46,437.03
CIARAMICOLI, SUZAN L.	12,670.16
ROBITAILLE, JARRED S.	2,018.00
MOYNIHAN, JANICE L	490.00
YOUNG, DAVID R.	35,462.80
MESONERO, MARIA DEL PILAR	48,560.18
BUSCONE, SARAH J.	38,173.54
DIORIO, ROSEMARIE A.	33,950.00
MOYNIHAN, JAYNE T.	7,163.44
ROCKS, MERILYN P.	5,329.50
BOYKO, KEVIN M.	60.00

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